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FOREWORD

At the beginning of 1759, British and colonial forces were somewhat insecurely established at the forks of the Ohio, where the first and smaller Fort Pitt was being erected near the ruins of Fort Duquesne. After his victorious campaign against that stronghold, which the French had abandoned on the approach of his overwhelming force, the dying General Forbes had returned to Philadelphia, leaving to Colonel Henry Bouquet the task of organizing and maintaining the new line of forts from Carlisle to the Ohio River.

Garrisons must be maintained in all these forts, in spite of sickness, desertion, and the expiration of soldiers' terms of enlistment. Troops must be shifted and re-shifted to keep sufficient forces in the more exposed positions. Supplies must be made available where and when needed, which involved endless dickering and pleading with farmers and merchants who furnished them, and with wagoners and pack horse men who transported them. The free and independent nature of the colonials did not take kindly to legal requisitions and summonses, and Bouquet had need of all his tact and patience.

The letters he received during 1759 indicate the myriad ramifications of his duties and responsibilities. Plans for the new fort at Pittsburgh must be examined and approved. An officer's widow asked him to arrange for a pension. Provincials pressed for the settlement of their accounts. Hogs, cattle, oats and forage for horses, medical supplies, flour, whiskey, pitch for calking boats, must be obtained and transported to the various posts. Indian goods were needed to keep the good will of the red men, and to purchase fresh game from them. Moreover, there were the ever-present problems of discipline and morale, heightened by delays in paying the soldiers, and by the distaste of some British officers for service under the foreigner Bouquet.

Colonel Hugh Mercer, in command at Fort Pitt, wrote frequently about French activity to the north, in their forts at present-day Franklin, Waterford, and Erie. He feared a French attempt to recapture the position they had lost, especially because the garrison left at Fort Pitt during the winter was inadequate. Indian spies were sent out to keep close watch at Fort Machault, Fort Le Boeuf, and Fort Presque Isle. and to report any signs of preparation for an attack. The reports of these spies make an interesting picture of the last days of French rule in northwestern Pennsylvania. The expected attack never materialized: the English themselves began to prepare for an assault on Fort Machault: but the French, cut off from Quebec by the English capture of Fort Niagara, burned their forts and fled to Detroit, in August 1759.

Brigadier General John Forbes had died on March 11, and Bouquet might have expected a promotion, but for his foreign origin. Brigadier General John Stanwix became the new commander in the "Southern Department". Bouquet soon established good relations with his new superior, and his duties continued much as before.

Because of its length, Series 21644 of the PAPERS OF COLONEL HENRY BOUQUET has been divided into two volumes, Parts I and II, of which this is Part I. This volume contains letters from officers and friends during the first half of 1759.

The manuscript collection of the Bouquet Correspondence forms thirty series of the British Museum's Additional Manuscripts classification. After Bouquet's death, his papers came into the possession of Frederick Haldimand, his friend and executor, and were given by Haldimand's heirs to the British Museum, together with Haldimand's own papers. For this reason the Bouquet Papers are sometimes listed as part of the Haldimand Collection.

The relation between the various series of the PAPERS OF COLONEL HENRY BOUQUET is shown by their contents. Bouquet's letter books for 1757 and 1758, covering his service in South Carolina, form Series 21631 and 21632; and his military accounts for South Carolina are in Series 21633. Series 21634 is his correspondence with Sir Jeffery Amherst. Bouquet's correspondence with General Thomas Gage is in Series 21636 and 21637. Series 21638 is composed of correspondence with Generals Stanwix, Gage, Monckton, and others, from 1759 to 1765. Series 21639 is his correspondence with Sir John St. Clair and Captain James Sinclair from 1758 to 1763; Series 21640 is correspondence with the Earl of Loudoun and Brigadier General Forbes; and Series 21641 has his correspondence with George Washington in 1758. The correspondence of Captain Lewis Ourry is in Series 21642.

In Series 21643 to 21651 are letters to Colonel Bouquet from various persons, his general incoming correspondence from 1755 to 1765. His general outgoing correspondence is in Series 21652 and 21653. There are miscellaneous accounts and returns in Series 21654, and papers relating to Indian affairs in Series 21655. Series 21656 has public orders issued by Amherst and Bouquet and Series 21657 has general and regimental orders. Series 21658 is miscellaneous papers; Series 21659, the cash book for the South Carolina campaign; and Series 21660, an inventory of Bouquet's belongings made after his death.

Photostatic copies of the Bouquet Papers, lent by the Library of Congress, were carefully copied and checked. The handwritten copy was typed, and the typewritten copy rechecked against the original. Finally, before any mimeographing was done, the

handwritten copy and the typed copy were carefully compared, and any variation or doubtful reading rechecked against the original photostats. It is hoped that this repeated checking will have reduced the number of errors to a minimum.

Great care has been taken to make a faithful reproduction of the original, bearing in mind the limitations of typewritten copies of manuscript material. For example, it is not possible to show, in typed versions of drafts for letters, all the insertions between the lines and in the margins; they must be rearranged and organized in uniform lines. However, when words have been crossed out or changed in the original, a line is drawn through these words in the typed version; it is thus possible to see both the original and the revised version of the letters. Occasionally, the omission of a paragraph is indicated by one or two diagonal lines, as it was on the original.

The capitalization, spelling, grammar, and punctuation are the same as in the original, so far as is humanly possible. When illegible or almost illegible words could be determined with some degree of certainty, they are included in brackets. When there was some doubt, a question mark follows. When a word or words must be entirely omitted because of illegibility, this is shown by a line of dots in brackets, or by an explanation in brackets. No attempt has been made to indicate misspelled words or grammatical errors by the use of sic; they are too numerous. When there was doubt whether a punctuation mark was actually a comma or period, colon, or semicolon, dash or period, the most likely one was chosen.

The description of the letters as autograph letters, drafts, etc., is intended more as a tentative suggestion than as a final determination of their character. Exhaustive research and a scientific study of the handwriting would undoubtedly result in some changes. In all cases, they are the obvious descriptions, made conservatively.

The names of the senders and recipients of letters have been bracketed in the headings when there was any doubt as to their identification. Dates missing in the headings of letters have been supplied in brackets, when they could be determined. The dates in parentheses at the top of the pages are intended as a help in using the volume.

The index covers only proper names, the references to persons and places. References to Bouquet are indexed only when they appear in the body of a letter. The table of contents makes it possible to locate the page number of a letter by title, date,

or folio number. The chronological arrangement is that followed in the original collection.

This, like the preceding volumes, is a product of a Work Projects Administration project sponsored by the Pennsylvania Historical Commission. The Frontier Forts and Trails Survey, the Erie project which began the work on the Bouquet material, has merged with the Historical Records Survey to form the Pennsylvania Historical Survey. This statewide project is under the efficient direction of J. Knox Milligan, State Supervisor, while Leo A. Radlehner as Assistant State Supervisor is immediately in charge of the transcription work. The cooperation of Mr. Guy C. Cleaver, District Manager, and Mrs. Milla M. Smart, District Director of the Community Service Division, in administering this work in the northwestern Pennsylvania area, is cordially acknowledged.

As for the Historical Commission's share in this undertaking, general technical supervision of all research work is under the State Historian, Sylvester K. Stevens, and his has been the final word of authority on all matters connected with research and publication. In this supervision he is aided by Donald H. Kent, Assistant State Historian, whose earlier experience as project historian qualifies him to understand the problems and potentialities of this type of work.

On the project, Mrs. Autumn Leonard has been immediately responsible for the checking and preparation of this volume. Her work as assistant to Mr. Kent while he was in Erie, and as assistant to Mr. Leo J. Roland, his successor, has well trained her for the task. Mr. Roland, it may be said, has been called to the service of his country.

ROSS PIER WRIGHT
Chairman
Pennsylvania Historical Commission

TABLE OF ABBREVIATIONS

Add. MSS.	Additional Manuscripts.
A. C.	Autograph Copy.
A. C. S.	Autograph Copy Signed.
A. D.	Autograph Document.
A. D. S.	Autograph Document Signed.
A. Df.	Autograph Draft.
A. Df. S.	Autograph Draft Signed.
A. L. S.	Autograph Letter Signed.
A. N.	Autograph Note.
A. N. S.	Autograph Note Signed.
B. M.	British Museum.
C.	Copy.
C. S.	Copy Signed.
D.	Document.
D. S.	Document Signed.
Df.	Draft.
Df. S.	Draft Signed.
f.	folio.
L. S.	Letter Signed.
N.	Note.
N. S.	Note Signed.
P. A. C.	Public Archives of Canada.
trans.	transcript.

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(January 3, 1759)

COL. HUGH MERCER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 9, C. S.]

Pittsburgh 3^d Jan^y 1759

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 26th of Dec^r. Containing the Agreeable [Accounts] of a Reinforcement of men and Provisions intended up; I had the pleasure to Recieve And Shall carefully attend to the Sundry Instructions you have favoured me with

From what I have Discovered of the present temper of the Indians, Any further Assistance, than Intelligence of the Enemys Strength and Motions, (and that at a High price) is not as yet to be looked for from him, the most weighty Argument to Engage them further in Our Service, will be thier Observing us Sufficiently prepared to Recieve the Enemy, and Such a force here as may be nearly Equal to thiers

On the Return of a Delawar fellow who Set off four days Ago to Spy at Winango and the Carrying place, I shall be able to inform you more Exactly what Number of men the Defence of this place may Require, in the mean time, five hundred appears to be Sufficient against any Winter attempt that is, while the River Ohio Continues [shut]

If the Enemys Operations are directed by thier knowledge of our Numbers and Situation just now, it is not likely they will Employ a greater force than I have mentioned above -- but I rather think, that if the French intend a descent on this place thier Views are more effectually then ever to Secure a Post here, on which measure thier Indian Interest Entirely depends, and if so, a much greater force may be Expected as soon as the River is Clear of Ice

In Order to prevent a Surprize I have posted a Corporals Guard Opposite to the mouth of Pine Creek, where is An Ext[... ...p] the River

To Col Bouquet.

(January 3, 1759)

Tho' the Ammunition is Removed from the Old Fort, the Guard Continues to keep a look out from the point And Patrols go in the Night, between the Rivers half a Mile from the Fort, Four Schorns are faced horizontally in the two Bastions towards the Field, for firing Grape Shot, and two Reserved for Shells.

Our Battoes go on very heavily for want of Sawyers, Hersey tells me that a Quantity of Pitch is Wanting, what little Tar is here, when boil'd --, will Scarcely be Sufficient for one Battoe,

some Canoes May be purchased of the Indians -- For this purpose as well as gaining Intelligence, black Wamum is the Readiest traffick, Will come cheaper to Us than goods as they will be Sold by the Government, and is more Agresble to the Indians -- it's Value with them is, ten shillings a Hundred. and it is bought at four or five, what Money I have is either Gold or Virginia Currency, Neither of which passes with the Indians and the Goods are Nearly expended. Great Quantities of meat being brought in daily.

nine Hundred and fifty men May be Contained in the Fort by building Barracks Opposite the Store houses, and hutts might be Raised in the front within the Intrenchment you have Directed to be made, sufficient to lodge 100 more

A Gunsmith with a sett of Tools will Soon be very Necessary here -- I am Surprized that so few Artificers Should be left here, Out of thirty of the first Battⁿ that to my knowledge were Employed at Rays town, We have not five, and indeed tho' often in [...] Called Out for this [...] from the passage [... ns] Seer a [...]

If a Hundred more of [...] people are to be Ordered up, in my humble Opinion, the officers who are to Command them Should either take their own Companies, or have the Chusing of the Men themselves.

The Convoy of flour Arrived Safe and was a very Seasonable Supply there is no Avoiding a Considerable Waste of this Article on the Indians, Without breaking with them Intirely. One M^r Cullock from the South Branch of Potomac brought up Yesterday a Hundred good Hoggs, Some Salt, and Sundry Necessaries for the Garrison, as he is the first adventurer, M^r Hoops Ought to Reward his Industry with [as high] a price as possible Can be afforded. the Virginia Gentlemen here Recommend him as a proper person to Contract with

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for Supplies [for] the Garrison from the Branch

I am with great Regard

D^r sir

Your Most Ob^t Humble Serv^t

HUGH MERCER

River Ohio

Yards

from the French Landing to the Island	340
[... ..] Above the Island	440
[... ..] Monongahela opposite to	
[... .. the] Fort	<u>400</u>

To Col Bouquet

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Copy of Col. Mercer's
Letter of the 2^d Jan^y

(January 4, 1759)

CAPT. HARRY GORDON TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 1, A. L. S.]

Carlisle 4.th Jan.^{ry} 1759

Dear Sir

I send you inclosed the Plan of the Fort at Pittsburgh and a Letter I have wrote to Colonel Mercer, for your Approbation. begs if you approve you will put your Name to it as a Sanction of great Weight. I did not imagine the Enemy would be upon the move so soon but in any Case, what is projected with Regard to the Ditch could not have been executed by the Garrison first left there indeed as I supposed that Post intended for a flying Party and as that was the footing it was upon when I left you I was little anxious to engage a few Men in Works beyond their Abilities, but as by the Reinforcements, I hear are sent up, it is intended to sup-

(January 4, 1759)

port it. I thought it necessary to consider of the most practicable Method of securing it, which can be no other than by that I have recommended to Co^l Mercer when it has received your Additions.

If an Accident was to happen that Post with the Coehorns some Mischeif might fall upon F^t Lig^r if a good dial has not been done since I left it.

I have had Conversation with Cap^t Robinson who is ordered to F^t Bedford, from thence to Lig^r he is an officer of Practise, and great Application to our Bussiness. he told me he would willingly goe to P.burgh on the Footing of being paid as Pract^r Eng^r. That Gentleman might be of great Consequence at such a Post -- and if any Part of his Reg^t goes there I think he ought to be sent in any Case or even as above said. As I am of Opinion he could be as useful as any Engineer I have told him that let the Weather be as it will the Ditch may be carried on -- for with old Axes the Surface may be penetrated should the Frost be very strong, which I have practised at F^t Edw^d where the Frosts are much harder than fer in this Country.

I am sorry that there has been so long Occasion for you on the Frontiers I wish your Stay may not endanger your Health I should have gladly shared your Fatigues had I imagined they would have continued so long tho' I certainly should have been hurt very much in my Health being now but in a bad State I had a bloody Flux at Rays Town an[d on t]he Way down, at present put my Lungs very much out of order.

Be so good as desire Cap^t Dudgeon to send the Survey of Pittsburgh by the first Opportunity and all other Papers relating to the District if he stays at F^t Lig^r

Likewise be so good as acquaint Co^l Mercer whether the Men are to be paid and at what Rate.

I ever am Respectfully Sir
Your most obed^t humble Servant

HARRY GORDON

Co^l Bouquet

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Cap^t Gordon 4th Jan^y

[Addressed] To Colonel Bouquet &ca

(January 6, 1759)

COL. JOHN ARMSTRONG TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 3, A. L. S.]

Fort Bedford 6.th January 1759

Dear Sir

in Consequence of the Generals orders, Arriv'd here Yesterday Cap.^t Alex^r McKinsey with about Eighty highlanders, demanding of me as much Blanketing from the Kings Stores as wou'd make each a warm under jacket and Taylors to make them, together with Shoes Stockings &c the Cap.^t had no written Authority, for which reason you'll readily believe that (from the tenor of the Generals instructions to me,) Opening the Kings Stores & Suffering the Men to Stay here untill those jackets were made, must put me in a disagreeable Situation: Luckily in about an hour after, a letter from Major Halket Dated at Loudon came to hand wherein he told Cap.^t McKinsey that I need not hesitate in giving the things for it was the Generals desire. accordingly the Taylors of Each Choe are now at Work, and I hope those jackets will be made this night, or To Morrow Forenoon, but as there are about One hundred & Seventy Highlanders more coming up from Carlisle, to gether with fifty Royal Americans, whome Cap.^t McKinsey thinks will not tarry there for those jackets, but must have them here, I shou'd be glad of your instructions or explicit Orders, whether the Troops shou'd wait here for the making of those jackets so far as the Blankets may reach, or whether the nature of the Servise may rather require their Marching up with the Blankets and having them Made at their respective Posts? on this point, Major Halkets letter is Silent. we look for you every hour, and hope this Express will meet you. cou'd I be of any Use to the Servise another Campaign, I'm persuaded this is not the place to be in at present (I mean in Case the Governm.^t do anything) especially as from the Situation of my Family, it's not easy to proceed to Philad.^a immediately. I have at present taken the Blankets from the Hospital, not touching the Indian Store without farther Orders, as those goods may be very Soon wanted at Pittsburgh. I am Sir, with the Gentlemen here,

Your Most Ob.^t Humb.^l Serv.^t

JOHN ARMSTRONG

Coll: Bouquet

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P: S: 'tis only 200 Highlanders, and 50 Royal Americans that go up.

[Note on back in different handwriting] I have, now, Indian Corn & Oats, which I have bought here, but no horses to forward it.

L. O.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Col Armstrong 6th Jan^y
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[Addressed] On his Majesties Service to Colonel Henry Bouquet at Fort Ligonier

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CAPT. ALEXANDER M^CKENZIE TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 7, A. L. S.]

Fort Bedford the 6th Jan^y 1759

Sir

In Consequence of an Order from Major Halket Directed to Major Campbell desiring to Send two hundred of our ablest bodyed men, and the best Provided with Clothes &c² This order overtaking Major Campbel at Fort Loudon Could Send no more of the Rear Detachment he Commanded then I & Eighty five men of which I was obliged to leave at Littleton & Juniatta Forts Six men; from thier Destress'd Condition of wanting Shoes & Clothes; which wants is Universsal amongst us; Therefore I aplied to the Gen^l to have blankets from the Kings Stores here to Suply the party with Jackets. But not having this order in Writing was Refused by Col^o Armstrong the Commandant of that place which puzzled me very much and did not know how to Carry on the party without them. Luckily the Gen^l Adverted to Col^o Armstrongs Puzellanimity and Directed Major Halket to writ me giving me Authority to take from the Kings Stores as many blankets as I might find Nesessary for making under Jackets

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for each Soger; I have only as yet taken Such numers of blankets as might Cloathe the party I have Imideately with myself Not knowing but the Gen^l may suply the Remainder of the Party to Compleat us to two hundred at Carlisle from whence they March; If the Provision is not made for them there I shall be obliged to Make further Demands upon the Kings Store here to Accoutre them the best way possible to Stand out the Inclemency of the Weather; I was directed by Major Campbels Order that if there was no Instructions left us by you at Fort Bedford we was to proceed to Fort Ligonier but from the Stop agreeable to the Gen^ls Direction, of Cloathing the men with Jackets I Cannot proceed with the Party Sooner as monday at farthest; I dont Expect the Remainder of our men from Carlisle to be here Sooner as Wednesday or Thursday, and if they come unprovided cannot leave this place to proceed forward Sooner than the begining of the following week; I was told by Major Halket that he apreheended You Would Order the Highlanders to be Left at this post and Make the Provintials March to the Advanced; but as You have left no Directions here I shall take care to make all possible Dispatch in Sending them forward by partys as I Can get them Accoutred

Our Commandant Armstrong is so timerous & Confused that probably he may attempt to baffle thus my best Endeavours, Therefore it will be proper you write me Explicitly in the Mannagement of our men here present and those comming up so as to be out of his reach.

You may blieve that there Shall be no pains awanting at my hand to have Such of our People as are Under my Charge forwarded with all the Dispatch possible yet I take it to be bothe Prudent and Expedient to have them so Equipt that their service can be depended on; These are Considerations our Provential Gentlemen unaquainted with service does not attend to, and what I much Suspect in our present situation,

I am with due Regard

Dear Sir

Your very much Obliged Serv^t

ALEX^r: M^c KENZIE

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] To Cap^t Al. M^cKenzie
6th Jan^y 1759

[Addressed] on his Majestys Service To Coll^o Bouquet Esq^r at Fort Leganeer.

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COL. JOHN ARMSTRONG: JOURNAL

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 5, A. Df.]

Saturday January y^e 6

All the Taylors employed making Jackets for the Highland-
ers going up.

Dispatch'd Charles Boyle, Express with Let.^{rs} from below,
& from Col^l Armstrong for Col^l Bouquet at Ligonier
Return'd the Express ----- and
Arrived Col^l Bouquet & Captⁿ Dudgeon towards evening.

Sunday
7

Dispatch'd Charles Boyle Express to Gen^l Forbes with
Letters from Col^l [Bouquet] &c:
Sent up a Man with two Horses loaded with Oats to meet
Warden's Brigade of Horses.

Monday
8

Return'd the two Horses and
Arrived Warden with 42 return'd Horses.
Sat out Col^l Armstrong, & Captⁿ Dudgeon for Carlisle.
Bought four Cows:
Arrived this Evening Charles Carty Express from Pittsburgh,
with let.^{rs} for Col^l Bouquet

Tuesday
9

Sent up 24 of Warden's Horses viz.^t
18 with Flour for Ligonier
2 with D^o for Stony Creek
4 with Corn for the Horses
24
Sent down 27 return'd Horses with 22 sick Soldiers of
different Corps.

Wednesday
10

Arrived M^cNitt with 18 return'd Horses from Ligonier.
Engaged a Dutch Man to Carry 30 gallons of Liquor to
Ligonier, for which I am to pay him when he returns.

Thursday January y^e 11

Sent down M^cNitt with 15 return'd Horses and 8 Sick
Pennsylvanian Soldiers for Carlisle
Employ'd two Men to make a Sleigh

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Friday 12	Arrived Ensⁿ Blane with a Party of R. Americans and Cant.ⁿ Robinson with one of Highlanders from Carlisle Came in four Waggons with 104 Bush of Indian Corn from the South Branch at Potomauk Bought it all for 6/6 P Bushell Arrived this Afternoon an Express from Carlisle with Letter for Col^l Bouquet about [commands.]
Saturday 13	Dispatch'd Charles Carty Express to Ligonier and Pits- 1/2 past 9 {burgh with Letters from Col^l Bouquet to Morning {the Commanders of each Post. Bought 1042 lb of Flour of one Man } @ 25^S PC^t 1015 lb of D.^o of another } Sent up Six Horses with Corn to meet Warden Horses coming down. Dispatch'd [an] Express to Gen^l. Forbes with Col^l Bouquet's Letters, &c. The Sleigh finish'd Bespoke another
Sunday 14	Bought 1125^t lb of Pork & 5 C. 32. 10 lb. Flour. Arrived Cap.^t Ward with 9 Indians from Pittsburgh Deliver'd in the Store at Juniata 163 lb of Pork
Monday 15	March'd Cap.^t Robinson's Party for Ligonier & Pittsburgh Sat out Cap.^t Ward with the 9 Indians for Philadelphia Col^l Bouquet wrote to Gen^l Forbes to acquaint him Employ'd the Sleigh to hawl Wood Bought 114¹/₂ Bushells of Indian Corn and 1 of Oats.
Tuesday 16	March'd for Ligonier & Pittsburgh a Party of R. Americans Coll: Bouquet wrote by them to Col^l Loyd about marching up the Troops, & to Co^l Mercer about the Disposition, & Settling the Spies Bought 187 lb of Butter @ 10^d P lb. The Soldiers being very drunk all the Suttlers were call'd before Col^l Bouquet to know who had Licences & to try to find out where the Men got the Liquor Received William Darling Waggoner sent Prisoner by Capt Pearis for embezzling the Kings Horses. Confin'd him on the Goal in the Fort

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Wednesday Arrived from Carlisle M^cFarlane's Brigade of 48 Horses
17 with Oats.
Return'd from Ligonier Warden with 21 Horses
Arrived from Ligonier Doc^r M^cLean.

Thursday Bought 301 lb of Pork
18 Sent up M^cFarlanes with 62 Horses viz^t
30 with Flour
7 wit Indian Goods
25 with Indian Corn
62
Sent down Warden with 22 return'd Horses and 5 Drivers

Friday Received a Let^r from M^r Crawford at Stony Creek who wants
19 2 Howels, 1 Grind Stone, three more files -- says
the Canoe will be in the Creek next Monday
Sent him File by M^r Hunter the Suttler to whom I have
Sent the six horses brought in by his Hunters, to Carry
up his Goods, he is to return the Horses to the Com-
manding Off^r at Ligonier
Bespoke two Howels
Filled and Weighed Baggs of Flour.

Saturday March'd Capt^r M^c Kinsey's Party for Ligonier
20 Arrived Linzey with 58 Horses loaded with Oats
Changed 24 for Flour.
Sent him up with 47 in all, he having lost two on the
Road, & left 11 here tired.
Came from Ft Cumberland Cap^t Pearis & Liut Gorril
Presided at a Court of Inquiry, on Darling the Waggoner,
for embezzling 2 of the Kings Horses.
C^t Q^r lb
Bought 2 = 2 = 8 of Flour
Sent to Stoney Creek two Howels & 1 Grind Stone
Came up from Maryland [14] Hoggs.
Order'd them to be kill'd.

Sunday C[ame in] 4 Waggon's Loaded with Corn from S.^o B.
21 Sent a cow [to] Ligonier
C^t Q^r
Bought 6 " 2 of Flour
----- 1390 lb of Pork the above 14
Hogs
----- 59½ Bush.^l of Indⁿ Corn

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Monday
22

Employ'd the S^o Branch Waggon in hawling Wood for the Hospital.
Received [...] Bushells of Indian Corn
Received [...] lb of Flour.
Deliver'd a Compleat Waggon with gears for six Horses for Samuel Stalmaker repaired at --- 13 " 14 " 0
Sent to F^t Cumberland 10 Carcasses of Pork and a Q^r Cask of Wiskey by the return'd S^o Branch Waggon
Gave a Cow to M^{rs} Hughes in lieu of one that was kill'd by the Troops.
Sat out this Morning for F^t Cumberland, Capⁿ Pearis & L^t Gorril.
Sent two Horses to F^t Cumberland to help to hawl some hay hither
Sat out at $\frac{1}{2}$ past one Col^l Bouquet, with Lieu^t Hubbard & Doc^r MacLean for The Settlements.

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COL. THOMAS LLOYD TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 11, A. L. S.]

[Fort Ligonier, Jan. 12, 1759.]

Sir

I have the Honor to write you by Cap^t Ward and to inform you that on the 8th instant two Hundred & fifty one Hogs arrived at this Post of which I send one Hundred & fifty Tomorrow to Pitsborough escorted by a strong Party with whom it is impossible to send the Howitzers for want of Horses. I am very sorry to tell you that the Garrison continues sickly & that we have but Eighty Six Men at present for Duty

Inclosed is a Return of the Provisions in Store from which you will observe the Necessity of a Supply of Flour indeed if Capt Wards Family were to Stay but one Week with us at the Rate that he entertains them it woud not in the whole be sufficient for their Consumption.

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I shall observe your Orders in sending M^r M^cKee to Pittsburgh & am Sir wth great Respects

Your most ob.^t [Hum]ble Servant

THOS. [LLO]YD

F^t Ligenier Jan: 12th 1759

To Col. Bouquet

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Captain Lloyd [...] Jan^y

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LIEUT. JAMES SINCLAIR TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 12, A. L. S.]

Carlile the 17th January 1759.

Sir

I am equally astonished and amazed, to find you have accused me to the General as being the Author of the march of the Troops from Fort Bedford by keeping up Letters Six days, I shou'd have delivered there. I shall only say I received your Letter to Colonel Armstrong on the on the 26th of Decem^r in the Evening, without looking upon myself as an Express, and delivered it the 29th in the morning. The Troops marched the 28th in the morning which was the time I left Stoney Creek, you may judge, whether or not it was possible for me to go from Ligonier to Bedford, from the 26th in the Evening, to the 28th in the morning upon an old pack Horse, which I was obliged to leed the greatest part of the way, so as to prevent the march of the Troops.

I am sorry Sir you had not inquired better before you laid this Affair before the General, as whoever informed you, has told

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you an arrant Falsehood. I must therefore beg, as a Complaint is lodged, you will either do me the Justice to clear me to the General, or inform me of your Author, that I may know what Steps to take.

I am

Sir

Your most obed.^t Servant

JAMES SINCLAIR

To Col.^o Bouquet.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] M^r. Sinclair's 17th Jan^y.
1759.

[Addressed] To Colonel Bouquet at Fort Bedford

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COL. HUGH MERCER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 16, A. L. S.]*

Pittsbg 19th Jan^{ry} 1759.

Dear Sir,

As my late Intelligence from Venango appeard to be of no immediate consequence I deferrd sending it till now; A young delaware, son to one of our firmest freinds in that Tribe, was two days in y^e fort; The Garrison consists of about an hundred Men commanded by Seven Officers all formerly stationed at Du Quesne. a few days before his Arrival there, about 200 Men had marchd for the Lakes, intending to Canada; and the Indian Cheif Custaloga, who had remained at Venango watching the Motions of the French,

* There is a copy at f. 14, not reproduced.

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in order to give us Notice of their Hostile Intentions this Way, /As he pretends/ had just returned to his Town which is Situated half way to Le Beef; three Mingo & one Delaware Indian were in the fort And several hunting round it, to provide the Garrison in Meat, their Stock of Flower is Small but give an allowance equal to Ours.

Only Six Battoes and these hawld up a good way from the River, The Soldiers employed in Repairing the Fort; It is a Square with four Bastions, The Barracks form three of the Curtains and tall Stockades enclose the Bastions, No Ditch and but one Swivel pointing down the River, The fort stands about 200 Yds from the Ohio, a little below the Junction of French Creek, The Curtain opposite the Gate which fronts the River is taken down And New Loggs prepared and the Trench dug for planting them. The French looked very Cool suspecting him of being a Spy, but offered him no Insult. he learned from the Indians that it was intended to watch the Communication from hence to Legonier, of this I have Apprizd Col Lloyd, that too Small Parties may not be entrusted with our Convoys of Provisions. If the Above Accounts are true, such pityfull Enterprises are all the Enemy can Attempt against us at Present, and I shall have a fair Chance to be apprized even of these, time enough to disapoint them; for I faithfully observe Your Instructions as to spys.

Two are gone off to observe the Enemys Motions above Kiskuskes, One to Priscile, and the Mingoes are engaged to send me the State of the Fort & Garrison of Niagara, immediatly on their return home.

I send Another up the Ohio to day, with Instructions to go to Custalogas Town, to have the Chat of the Indians, from whose different Accounts, & Sentiments, some Truth may be picked out, he returns by Venango.

Together with a Return of the Garrison and State of Provisions I have enclosed you a Plan of Pittsburg, the Ditch is opened and would be compleated in two Days; I am glad to have M^r Gordons Directions and shall conform to them. Tho' I should think the Ditch too wide in our present weak state; He had forgot part of his first Plan viz the command^rs officers House & the Stores: Another Row of Barracks are now Raising, Opposite the Stores. Five Battoes are finishd to the Caulking and stuff preparing to keep Horsey at Work, who is endustrious enough. The Ice has prevented the Indians from bringing me either Canoes or Indian Corn, but I have omitted no Opportunity of engaging both, & soon expect some Corn. My grand difficulty as to Provisions consists in saving the Flower, and not afronting the Indians Or making them suspect us of

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greater Parsimony and Poverty than the French; They are utterly unacquainted with Economy and therefor have no Idea of the necessity of being Stinted. A Blacksmith with a sett of tools, to Work entirely for the Indians is absolutely necessary, for their little Jobbs are perpetually empeding the Publick Work.

Cap^t Waggoners Letters to the People in the S^o Branch accompany this, to be forwarded from Reas Town; I am extreemly pleasd to find that the true Spirit of Supporting a Number of Men here is entered into, & make no doubt of this garrisons being well supplied, and Money Saved to the Government, even at the high price offered the Country.

I am Dear Sir

Your Most Obedient and Most Humble Servant

HUGH MERCER

I should be glad to have your Opinion, of any Part of the Garrison's lying without the Works, which is Gordons plan. 60 or 70 Men Could be extreemly well lodged, by running two Shades on along the Outside of the two Barracks fronting the River, and leave a flanker of Seven or eight feet; No Enemy can make an Aproach on that side when the Works are compleated. but this shall not be undertaken unless you approve of it. The two Rivers are almost Shut up once More. The Weather is excessive cold.

Colonel Bouquet

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COL. HENRY BOUQUET TO LIEUT. JAMES SINCLAIR

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 13, A. L. S.]

The Answer dated Fort Bedford 21.st Jan.^y 1759

Sir

When you Know how to write, and to whom you write, I may answer your peremtory Summons: Till then I must refer you, your

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Letter, and your Justification, to the General, with whom at least, it may be expected that you will observe the decency of your Station.

I am

Sir

Your Hble Servant

HENRY BOUQUET

To Lieut: General
A. D. D. M. G.

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RICHARD PETERS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 18, A. L. S.]

Philadelphia 22^d Janry 1759

Sir

I desired the favour of General Forbes to communicate to you my news and the contents of my Letters. I wrote to no one besides him & to him I wrote every thing that occurred. I now tender you my Service and shall be proud of 4 yr Correspondence. The Season is critical and important and will want great attention and every sort of Intelligence. I have a very Sincere Esteem for you notwithstanding my Silence hitherto which was [all] a political measure & a Restraint upon my Affection. The reasons cease now and I hope my Silence will make no Impression on your mind to my prejudice.

I attend the Governor to Newcastle where the Assembly is now sitting. Your hints respecting Officers of the Provincial Troops will be of service in order to chuse proper ones and avoid such as are improper. nothing you shall please to say shall transpire

Col Bouquet

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Poor Haldiman is in that vile Fort Edward & writes for News as for an Alms.

Majer Halket has purchased a Majority in Forbess Regiment from Majer Darby who has purchased from Lieutenant Colonel Morris.

Halkett is gone home in the Kennington Man of War wth General Abercrombie.

Did you, or did you not, intend an Attack against the French Fort when you began your March against towards Fort Duquesne from Loyal Hannin?

I will send you the News regularly. General Amherst comes here next week: on the 5th Febr the Provinces Politiciens meet & will make an Hog or a Dog on it. They say they will do every thing, I wish they may, but I think otherwise.

Our Proprietor is asleep at the helm, and the present Master of the Ship is at Athens among some curious Antiquities.

No more. This is only to break the Ice. I am very affectionately

D^r Sir

Your most humble Servant

RICHARD PETERS

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] M.^r Peters 22.^d Jan^y
Answered the 13.th febr 1759

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CAPT. RICHARD PEARIS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 20, A. L. S.]

[Fort Cumberland, Jan. 23, 1759.]

Sir

I am sorry I have to inform you that on the twenty first Ins.^t at Night Deserted from here Serj^t Fill and fourteen Men with

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and Notwithstanding the Promises they made to me, agreeable to your Orders. I Read your Letter to those Remaining, they all Return you hearty thanks for your kind Proposals, and Care for them, and says they will do their Duty with Spirit agreeable to your Request until the 15th of March, I believe if those that Deserted on the twenty first, had not been gon before I Came home they would not gon. Tomorrow Morning I send Ensign Love with the Coppy of your Letter after those that are gon hoping that it will have the Desired Effect on them to return. I also send a copy to Governor Sharpe with a List of th Deserted in hopes he will send some of them Back in Case they go to Annapolis, Balsar Kern shall be tryed to morrow the Rest of the men Appears to be much Displeased with him for his false seditious Reports.

I am

Sir

Your most obedient Hum^l Serv^t

RICH^d PEARIS

Fort Cumbr^d Jan^y 23^d 1759 9 O Clock

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Cap^t. Pearis 23^d Jan^y

[Addressed] To Coll: Henry Bouquet

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MADAME DU PLESSIS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 22, A. L. S.]

[January 25, 1759.]

Monsieur

Vous aures sendoute recut 2 lettres que je vous ai ecrite depuis que j'ai recu la votre qui ma ete rendue le premier juin qui

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etoit le jour que nous entrames dans nostre nouvelle et grande maisont quoit que tres ocupée alors je recentis vivement le chagrin que me causa les mauvaïse ~~negligences~~ manierent de mon fils je m'étandais tres au bon la dessus ce sujet maflige trop pr repete ce que je disais, dalieur je pense que vous laures reçue de même que celle du mois de 7bre ou je continue sur le même ton de même que les 2 que j'ai ecrit en même tan a Du Plessis je n'ais point eu de lettres de luy qu'une de 8 de mois vielle de sont depart pr Louysbourg. je lui cherche dans la liste des mort et des blesses ne ly ayent pas trouve je pense qui vit encore mais jniore ou, et si cet corigé, si ce net pas de tout du moin ci donne quelque esperance pr la venir toute ses insertitude maflige quoit que je prene mon parti la dessus ausi bien quil et possible et meme beaucoup trop bien suivant les idée de plusieurs personne qui croie qu'une bonne mere doit être afligee part provision des danger que court sont fils, je les laise pencer a leurs mainiere et suis la miene.

Nous avons pas plus de 50 jeune demoiselle de tout Ranc age et condition Fille, de Duc jusque a lartisane dans cette collection se trouve la fille du jeneral Abercromby qui na que 4 an jen fait mon anfant gate on atant M^r son pere tout les jour ici, jatent de même de vos nouvelles jen resoïs de toutes les partie du monde que de l'amerique ceroit certainement et sens comparaison les plus interessente et les plus agreables si elle maprenent que vous continue a jouy d'une bonne Sante et si ly a quelque esperance sur le Compte de ce peti corp

Nous sommes ici tres ocupes a preparer le doeul pr la mort de la Prinssece d'Orange il sera jénéral pr 6 moi je crain pr notre bon Roy qui ne voie mourir toute sa famille on vient me dire que Mr le Capitaine Burnant part denuit avant le jour il veut bien se charger de ces lettres qui ne sont que bochée, vous les lises comme vous poves je n'ais pas memele tens de vous temoigner les santiment de réconasance dont je suis comblé je ferais mieux une autre fois si je peut je sui acabler part une visite qui et la feme du ministre de la République de gene une de vos conessance du moin une personne que vous aves vut cette M^{lle} ~~Mallet~~ Mallet elle nous feroit plaisir si je netoit pas obligé decrire et il et un peu singulier d'être si presse pr ecrire si loin

Ma mere et mes soeurs vous prie dagreer leurs ts humbles complime et les voues pr votre [...] et moi le plus sincaire

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dévouement de votre humble servent

M^{re} DU PLESSIS

née THOMASSE

Frontenac Street 25^e Janvier 1759

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] M^{re} Du Plessis 25th Jan^y

[Addressed] To Col: Bouquet in America

[TRANSLATION]

[January 25, 1759.]

Sir:

You have doubtless received two letters I wrote you since I received yours. It was delivered to me on June first which was the day we moved into our large new house. Although very busy at the time, I felt keenly the chagrin my son's misconduct caused me. I am interested in his welfare. This subject grieves me too much to repeat what I wrote. Besides, I think you must have received my letter as well as the one I wrote in September, when I continued in the same vein as in the two I sent Duplessis at the same time. I have had but one letter from him, written May 8, on the eve of his departure for Louisburg. I looked for him in the list of dead and wounded, but did not find it, and believe he is still among the living; but I do not know where, or if it is correct, whether it is complete or not. At least, it leaves me some hope for the future. All this incertitude makes me unhappy, although I am as resigned about it as possible, even far too much so, according to the view of several persons, who think that a good mother should be grieved because of the dangers her son is undergoing. I let them think as they please and I do likewise.

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We have more than fifty young ladies, of all ranks, ages, and conditions, ranging from a Duke's daughter down to an artisan's. In this assembly is General Abercromby's daughter, who is only four years old. I spoiled the child, while waiting every day for her father to arrive. I am also awaiting some news from you. I receive news from every part of the world. News from America would certainly be, without comparison, the most interesting and the most agreeable, if it told me that you continue to be in good health and if there is some hope in regard to that little body.

We are very busy preparing mourning for the death of the Princess of Orange. It will be universal for six months. I fear for our good King, who has to see all his family die. I just heard that Captain Burnant will leave tonight. He kindly offered to take these letters, which are very badly written. You must read them as well as you can. I haven't time even to express the feeling of gratitude with which I am overwhelmed. I will do better next time, if I can. I am hurried by the visit of the wife of the minister of the Republic of Genoa, one of your acquaintances -- at least a person you have seen -- Mademoiselle Ballet. She would give us great pleasure, if I was not obliged to write. It seems rather odd to be so pressed to send letters so far away. My mother and sisters beg you to accept their very humble compliments, with best wishes to your father, and from me the most sincere devotion from

Your very humble servant,

DUPLESSIS,

born THOMAS.

Great Marlborough Street January 25, 1759.

(January 26, 1759)

R. TOWNSHEND TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 24, A. L. S.]

[New York, Jan. 26, 1759.]

Sir.

I send you the New Exercise which Gen.^l Amherst orders
very Request Strictly to Comply with & Obey.

your obed^t Hum^{ble} Serv.^t

R. TOWNSHEND
D A General

New York Jan^y 26. 1759

To Colonel Bouquet.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Adjutant General

[Addressed] To Colonel Bouquet, Or Officer Command^s the 1st Battⁿ
of R^l Americans.

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COL. JOHN ARMSTRONG TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 26, A. L. S.]

Carlisle 27.th Janur^y 1759.

Dear Colonel

Your favour of the 24.th came to hand this Mornning. -- I
fully expected the pleasure of your Company here for two days at

Colonel Bouquet

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least, but must for the present be deny'd to that, as the Other Road was so much nearer, and your Horses I'm persuaded, none of the pleasantest.

at coming here I found Mr^s Armstrong much recover'd and a promising Babe in the Nurses Lap which gave me great joy, and in my imperfect thanks was rank'd among the favours of the Year. the childe was Healthful untill Yesterday Morning but since that time has been dangerously Ill, yet rather easier this afternoon than last Night, so that there is hopes it may recover. Major Jaminson going to York Shortly after we came here, under took the Message to M^r Stevenson respecting his assistance in getting you a House.

I sent a message to the Major by M^r Smith, that he shou'd not proceed to Philadelphia untill I went with him, but from the childes indisposition it's probable I cannot Set Out for Eight or Ten days, so that he may proceed at pleasure except you shou'd have Other Commands for him. I have wrote to L^t Coll: Work without fail to repair to Bedford at the time you appointed, and in Case anything extraordinary shou'd happen to Work, shall write L^t Coll: Hamilton to hold him self in readiness for that duty.

A Serjeants Guard of the Highlanders were left here by the G -- 1 in Order to afford a Centry or two to the Kings Stores &c which I dare Say was no longer intended than any of Our Troops reach'd this length: as I have enought for that purpose they are now unnecessary, but I shan't Send them away without Orders. they have left no Officer to forward or take care of any of their Stragling, recovering, or Sick partys. 'tis a pity that feeble & Sick Men have no Other provisions than a pound of flour & a pound of Salt Pork p day especially within the inhabited parts of the Country, and the Pork, here and at Shippensburgh not good. Cap^t Byards informs me that some person is wanted here to take Charge of the Kings Stores, I wav'd his application untill you came down, but shall appoint One if you think it necessary & Authorize me to do it. I shall Send your Sword & Coat by M^r Philips if he can Carry them; your Other Articles are already gone in a Waggon before I came down. I hope to See you at York, or in Philad^a - and am Sir with perfect respect and Esteem,

Your Most Ob^t. Humb^l. Serv^t

JOHN ARMSTRONG

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Col. Armstrong

[Addressed] To Col^o: Henry Bouquet att York Town
p^r: favour of Lieu^t Phillips

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DR. LAU LACLEANE TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 28, A. L. S.]

Carlisle January 28th 1759.

Dear Sir

As your Express loitered away his time so as to permit himself to be overtaken by me yesterday, and was much in liquor I thought it incumbent on me to let you know it. I dispatched him immediately, but fear he will either stop on the Road again or lose his Packet, for he seemed too fond of the fire and a Dram to be intrusted with any thing which required Safety or Dispatch.

I find Lieut. Phillips in so bad a state of health under a Complication of a Dropsy and Asthma, that if he does not take timely care of himself he runs the manifest Risk of his life; I believe, as he expresses a Desire of being for some time under my Care, that he designs asking your Leave to be near me, as I have declined meddling in a Case so delicate unless I can have him under my Eye, and I give it as my Opinion that a steady Course of Medicine is not only necessary but indispensable for the Recovery of his Health.

I found Lieut Sinclair not a little uneasy at the Receipt of your Letter, which the Express had given him a few minutes before I arrived; He shewed me Sir John Sinclairs letter charging him with keeping up your packet six days, and said it gave him great pain to find that you had understood his letter in a sense he never intended it; that there was a treble mistake in the Affair, and that he was very sorry what he wrote had been misunderstood so as to cause your taking it ill.

As the general I believe intends to propose something this Winter in my favour when he meets General Amherst, I beg the Continuance of your Countenance and good Offices when you go to Philadelphia, which will confer a new Obligation on me, but can add nothing to my Gratitude.

Poor Hubbard, I find by a letter to M^r. Livingston, has been struck off the List of Officers in the Virginia Regiment; no

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reason is assigned in the letter for so doing.

I am Sir

Your most obedient, obliged
and affectionate humble Servant

LAU MACLEANE.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] D^r M^c Lean 28th Jan^y

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CAPT. JAMES SINCLAIR TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 30, A. L. S.]

Carlile the 28th January 1759.

Sir

Yesterday morning I received the favour of your Letter, by which I am convinced you have understood mine in a sense I never intended, as I am sure I meant nothing that could deserve so severe an Answer.

I found myself charged by Sir John with having kept up your Letters Six days, which information he told me the General had from you, and called upon me to clear myself of so notorious a neglect. Being sensible this Rebuke was undeserved, I could in no other Shape account for it, than that some malicious person who had a mind to hurt me, had misinform'd you in that particular. This was the reason I begged to know your Author, as I imagined by that means I should come at the bottom of the Story, and be able to vindicate myself of what was laid to my charge. I am sorry you thought there were Expressions in this Request, which could admit of an Interpretation, in any ways disrespectfull towards

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you; and beg you will believe me, nothing in the World was further from my Intentions.

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient & most humble serv.^t

JAMES SINCLAIR

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] M^r Sinclair 28. Jan^y

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DR. LAU MACLEANE TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS 21644, f. 32, A. L. S.]

Carlisle January 29.th 1759.

Dear Sir

I have just time to acknowledge the receipt of your very agreeable favour, in which you so strongly paint the gaping Curiosity of the Americans, and so far enter into the Spirit of the facetious Author whom you mention, that though I had a Scene the same night very different from yours, and very diverting, I despair of doing it the Justice which you will expect in the relation of it.

I had scarcely sat down in a very poor Room of a poorer house in Shippensburgh, (Cample having quit his business as an Innkeeper) when there rushed in abruptly upon me a Country Justice, A Farmer who had been a Waggon-master, and an Officer of the new Pennsylvanian Levies; The Squire, as they stiled him, took one side of the fire, M^r Potter took the other and the Country man stood right before me, so that I was intirely excluded from my own fire; A Decanter of Sling and a bowl of strong Toddy being swallowed almost as soon as seen, I found that the Gentry were resolved to make their Quarters good, upon which I was resolved they should

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pay for them and bespoke as large and good a Supper as the house could afford, and ordered in a Cast of Wine and a large bowl of strong Toddy which had a very unexpected Effect, for Supper being ended, before and after which the Squire said a very sanctified and long Grace, the Farmer checked his Worship for using the Word christen, saying it was a very improper Word, and what he had never heard a Man so well acquainted with the Scriptures as his Worship used, for as every Person born of Christian Parents was presumed a Christian in right of their Parents even before Baptism, the proper word was certainly baptize, and not christen. This brought on a most curious theological Discourse, which I fomented in such a Manner by now plying them with a Bumper, and then commending the unintelligible Jargon of both alternately, that the religious Disputants were very near quarrelling out of mere zeal, about eleven o'Clock, the Parties being both dead drunk I slunk to bed leaving the Argument and some Bottles unfinished, and next morning had my Satisfaction renewed, on account of their Intrusion, by observing their unquenchable thirst, and the melancholy Shrugs they made at the Appearance of the Bill. The Squire's Name is Smith; the Farmer's Wilson.

Your Wandring in the Woods so long, and so far, without refreshment must have been very disagreeable, had I imagined that there was the least hazard of your not finding the Road very easily, I should not have been perswaded to leave you, as Company makes misfortunes of this trivial kind, if not diverting, at least very tolerable.

I am informed here that my Persecutor Osborn has got himself into a Scrape which I hope will make him ashamed to push my Affair to Extremity, being sued for a thousand pound ster. Damages for stealing and debauching a Tradesmans Daughter, a very young girl, in Philadelphia. This Intelligence will give me courage to push immediately for Philadelphia, whither I hope you will soon set out, however I shall take such Caution as not to be surprised.

I beg leave to subscribe myself Dear Colonel your

Most obedient, affectionate,
and obliged, humble Servant

LAU MACLEANE.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] D^r McLean 29th Jan^y

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COL. HUGH MERCER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 34, A. L. S.]*

Pittsburgh 29th Jan^{ry} 1759

Dear Sir,

Since my last which was sent off the 21st Ins^t by Carty, & forwarded from Legonier by Col Loyd Nothing material has been communicated by the Indians. This Morning Another fellow, employ'd to Spy at Wenango, returnd, and confirms the former Intelligence, as to the Strength of the Garrison, And adds that forty Men had sett off to Le Beef, to remain there till the River opens, and a Supply of Flowr can be sent. The Indians told him that the Garrisons at Prescile & Le Beef were very weak, that the Men who were lately there had cross'd the Lakes; on Account of Scarcity of Provisions.

Two Young Men from the L. Shawnese Town came here a few days Since, & report that the Heads of their Nation are on their Way to pay us a Visit. By their Accounts No body of French are on this River, from hence to its Junction with the Wabash & Mississippi their Settlement at the falls, being abandoned, immediatly on their leaving this Place. I have been informed by other Indians, that a Party Still Remains at the Mouth of Muskingham, and have engaged the Shawnese Fellow's to go there.

Capt Robinson Arrivd here Yesterday with his Detachment, the two Hoyetzers, Indian goods &c. I am now compleated to 400 R. T. Your Last mentions 450, which the Garrison would make, had Claytons Detachment been sent; but after their Marching off from Legonier; Col. Loyd recalld that Party on receiving fresh Instructions for that Purpose from You. We have only forty five Shells for the Hoyetzers, And 12 Boxes Musket Balls, this last I propose being supplied in from Bouquets Camp. The last Convoy of Flour consisting of 22 Loads found [u]s without An Ounce in Store; and the Driving of Ice had prevented our receiving any supplies of Corn from the Indians. The Country People begin to drop in with Indian Meal; I could wish that whiskie were not sent up, or rather allowed to pass to this Garrison in such Quantities, I am under a Necessity

* There is a copy at f. 15, not reproduced.

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of taking More into the King's Store, than perhaps would be allowed to the Garrison, in order to prevent the Abuse of it among the Soldiers, but especially among Indians, whose drunken frolicks might be attended with very ill Consequences. I am

D^r Sir

Your most obedient humble Serv.^t

HUGH MERCER

[Endorsed] C Mercer

[Addressed] On His Majesties Service To Colonel Bouquet, Fort Bedford

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CAPT. RICHARD PEARIS TO CAPT. LEWIS OURRY

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 36, A. L. S.]

[Fort Cumberland, Jan. 31, 1759.]

D^r Sir

Since I have Wrote my sentiments to Coll: Bouquet and you, I am informed by M^r Love that Coll: Dagworthy sent 100 pounds of the Present Money to M^r Riley who is now Deceased to bring here for the Men at this Garrison, I Cant see the Reason why he Did not send the whole without he Intends to Defraud them out it, as the Men says, for I think he has no Right to make any stopages. Also, I have Just heard by M^r Love that Coll Dagworthy gave privit Orders Orders to M^r Lenox unknown to me who he new was was to Command untill he Came, to let aney of the Men have furloughs that wanted them which he has don without my leave Notwithstanding the Generalls orders for 100 men to be kept here, this I would beg you would acquaint Coll: Bouquet with or enclose this to to him, Am Quite

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tired of this Command without Matters were Carried on in a more
Juster manner then has Been

I am Sir your most obedient Humble Serv^t

RICH^d PEARIS

Ja^y 31, 1759

To Cap^t Ourry

[Endorsed] Captⁿ Pearis F^t Cumberland, Jan^y 31, 1759:

[Addressed] To Lewes Ourry ade Quarter Master General at Fort
Bedford

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HUGH WALLACE TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 38, A. L. S.]

New York 5.th Feb^y 1759

Dear Colonell

I rec^d your fav^r 23.^d Dec^r dated at Fort Ligoneer, & am
verry glad to hear you are in good Health, after your fateaguing
Campaign.

I would have had the pleasure of answering your agreeable
Letter, from the Ruins of Fort DuQuesne ere not, but hoped for the
pleasure of seeing you here.

I have wrote M^r Du Pleissis to come & Joyn you as fast as
possible, he was well when Major Prevost left Hallifax, & Major
Prevost setts out for Boston this day, & he says he will send off

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M^r Du Plessis Immediately.

Col.^o Young is orderd here, & expected hourly to settle with Brigad.^rs Stanwix & Prevost who are going home.

This day Major Halkett embarks in the Packett for England. We have had no Packett from England, Nor no News these three months, so we are Strangers to whats doing in the World, & greatly at a Loss here for some Directions from England for the operations of next campaign. All your Friends here are well. Col.^o Haldimand & Major Munster are verry well. Your Cloathing was all sent to Philad.^a some time ago, so hope you have got it ere now. Pray who have you made Paymaster in the Room of M^r Billings. as Mess Conyngham & Nesbitt of Philadelphia have orders to pay the Officers Subsistance to any person you are pleased to appoint Paymaster. I ever am with verry great Esteem & regard

Dr Sir
Your most obed^t Serv.^t

HUGH WALLACE

Col.^o Bouquett

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] M^r Wallace 5th feb^y

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A COURT MARTIAL AT FORT CUMBERLAND

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 40, C.]

A Court Martial Held at Fort Cumberland
the fifth Day of Feb:^ry 1759.

Lieu:^t Linn Pres:^t
Lieu: Gorroll } Members
Ensign Mearns }

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To try Such Prisoners as Shal be Brought Before them

Jn:^o Ragon Corp:^l confin^d By Cap^t Rich^d Pearis for Goeing from the Garrison Seven Miles Without Leave threatning to Desert if he Could Gett Any Good fellow to Goe wth Him & Insulting Ensⁿ Love

The Prisoner being Examin^d Confeses he went to Isaac Colliers without Leave

Geo: Tecter of Cap^t Alex^r Bealls Comp^y Being Examin^d Says that this Morning in y^e Hospital he heard the Prisoner Say that if he had but a Good Fellow wth him he Soon would Goe of for He had No Right to Doe Duty in this Place without pay

Ensⁿ Love Proves to the Court that he Saw the Prisoner on the Parade & Knowing him to be Confin^d Ordered him to y^e Inside of y^e Guard Room & Said it was a fine Usage on these words y^e Prisoner Dam^d him & the Usage too and the Prisoner Confesses he Expressed the Words

The Prisoner in His Defence Says that he thought he had No Right to Ask Leave to Goe Abroad he Serving without Pay

The Nature of the Prisoners Crime being Such that y^e Court Judges that they have Not a Right to Pass Sentance on Such Crime it Being of too henious a Nature

W:^m LINN

A True Copy of the proceeding of the Court

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Court Martial at Cumberland

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CAPT. RICHARD PEARIS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 42, A. L. S.]

[Fort Cumberland, Feb. 5, 1759.]

Sir

I send you Inclosed the Proceedings of a Court Martial held to try Corporal Ragon of Coll: Dagworthys Company where in You'll see what insulting Mutenus behaviour Rains amongst the Men of this Garrison Notwithstanding y^e Money I have paid them Agreeable to your Orders, and the Promises made by them. I have sent the above Ragon Prisoner to Fort Bedford untill your Pleasure is known, knowing him to be a Soer of Muteney amongst the Rest. I Also send you a Return of what Horses loaded with flower has passd for Pitsburg since my last many more yet following, According to Your Order I sent to William Rosses, who was Accused by Creasep for Concealing some of his Majestys Horses where Ensign Mearns found three two of which appears to belong to the Virginia Officers and one to his Majesty Ross says he took them up in the Woods, also Ross informes me on one Eves and one Plum who lives at Cresaps that they have Conceald ten or twelve of his Majestys Horses, Cresaps Servant Man Confirms what Ross says, only he says ther is but seven of them Belongs to the King I have sent an officer to bring both Men and Horses in Case they are taken, would be glad Be Glad to Receive Your Orders how to Proceed, Nothing else Extrodinary

I am Sir

Your Most Obedient & most Hum^l Ser^t

RICH^d PEARIS

F^t. Cumb.^d Feb^y 5.th 1759

To Coll: Bouquet

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Cap^t. Pearis febr^y 5th

[Addressed] To Coll: Henry Bouquet ~~Philadelphia~~ at York Town.

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COL. HUGH MERCER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21641, f. 43, A. L. S.]

Pittsb^g 7th Feb^y 1759

D^r Sir,

By yours of the 23^d I find that my letters of the 21st & 29th Jan^y, containing the Intelligence of the first Soy I had sent to Venango, and confirmed in the Cheif particulars by the accounts of a Second fellow from thence; had not reachd Bedford time enough, but I hope have been conveyed safe to you att York.

Two Shawnese Indians are gone down the River to discover the situation of the Enemy, if Any are at the mouth of Muskingham & Yellow Creek. A Mohiccon fellow who speaks good English came in last night from the Head of Sioto, he says there Are two Officers & 20 Fr. Men att the Salt Springs above Kiskuskas, a large Quantity of Provisions, the Flour brought from Le Beef. An Indian I had employed to go to these Springs is not yet returned. The Delaware Gazette will have it that near a hundred over lake Indians Are sett off to come to War here; They have gone every one to their Towns, seemingly in Dread of these fellows coming about the Fort; The Scarcity of Flour may be assigned as another Reason for their going off; However I neither entirely credit, nor disregard the Intelligence, but shall take every precaution to prevent any of the Garrisons being Scalped. Capt Clayton is gone up with a few Hunters to the Mouth of the Kiskemenetas, to reconnoiter from thence to the Road to Legonier. And the best Woods Men are constantly out some Miles from the fort.

One of our Captives, a Small Girl was brought to me and delivered up by a Delaware Fellow some time ago, who at the same time demanded some Whiskie for himself and a Present of Goods for the Woman, whose Property it seems the Child was. As a Number of Indians came in to see the Transaction, I judged it necessary to sett them right in their Motions of delivering up our People, and told them, We were not come into their Country to purchase our People of them, but to offer them Peace, on the Condition of every one of the Captives being brought home & delivered up early in the Spring; otherwise there was No Peace, but I would demand them in the Midle of their Towns. On this I took the Girl and gave the Old Woman a Matchcoat, not in Return for the Captive but in Charity to the Woman; They seemed very well Satisfied & made no further Demands.

Inclod are Returns of the Garrison, State of Provisions the first Inst^t and to day. You will see how low our Stock of Flour

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was, and how it now flows in -- so that I shall have no Reason to complain further on that head. The late Severe Weather had Shut up the Monongehela so compleatly, that we have not yet got One Logg for the new Barracks, home; We have no Horses than can draw a Pound, and the Men are very inconveniently Lodged, but in good Spirits & generally healthy; The Americans and Highlanders are in the Barracks. Their March had been so severe, that I made Room for them, by turning some Pensylvanians into the Hospital Tents. This is the first soft day we have had a great while & promises great expedition in compleating our Works.

Three things are wanting just now, some Cash for the Workmen; Waggener & Ward having receiv'd a great part of their Contract & Indian Spyes run away with a considerable Share. likeways Garden seeds, and a Seine; I have mentioned the Seeds to Currey, but what were brought to Reas Town last summer, may be either lost, or rendered useless;

some Weeks hence a Seine will be an Immense ease to to the Beef & Pork, if the Accounts of the Treaders be not entirely fabulous.

I heartily congratulate Your safe arrival in Quarters, which must be doubly agreeable after so long Incessant fatigue upon the Campaign, and am with great Esteem

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant

HUGH MERCER

Colonel Bouquet.

As Mr M^CKee declined acting as Indian Interpreter, on finding Mr Kennedy already engaged in that peice of Service; I have continued Kennedy, who is the fittest for the drudgery of it.

Hutchins made a Mistake in his last provision Return of 2000^{lb} Flour, more than we had in Store, which ~~will~~ you will please to make allowance for, in comparing the Returns.

One Convoy from the South Branch came in two Days ago, and we have an account of large Supplies being upon the Way from thence, likeways a Convoy from Canegogeg & two from Legonier, one come in

[Endorsed] Col. Mercer Pittsburgh 7th febr^y

(February 15, 1759)

CAPT. JAMES SINCLAIR TO ADAM HOOPS

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 45, C.]

Carlile the 15th February 1759

Copy.

Sir

As I am informed the Garrison at Fort Ligoneer is in want of all kind of meat, and the other Garrisons much distressed for a little fresh Provision for the Sick, I am of Opinion until General Forbes's Orders can be received, it is absolutely necessary to give immediate Directions for the purchasing twenty Head of Live Cattle to be drove up to their Relief, which may be disposed of in the following manner, or as Mr. Oury who is at Fort Bedford shall find necessary to direct.

At Ligoneer	11
At Stoney Creek	1
At Bedford	2
At Fort Cumberland	2
At Littleton & Loudon ..	2
At Carlile	2
	20

I am Sir

Your most humble Serv.^t

JAMES SINCLAIR

A D Q M Gen^l

To Mr Adam Hoops.

[Endorsed] Copy of a Letter to M^r Adam Hoops

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MAJOR JOHN TULLEKEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 46, A. L. S.]

New York February 17th 1759.

Dear Sir.

I have been for a long time in hopes of either seeing or hearing from you, And am very sorry to find myself disapointed; Wee know not here where you are, And I am at a loss how to direct to you, I therefore send this by a M^r. Lassley, who is apointed an Ensign in the Battalion. I have desired him to forward it to you, As he may possible here where you are, when he arrives at Philadelphia;

The Packet is at lenth arrived, but I think wee are little the wiser, at least as yet, as nothing transpiers from head Quarters;

As to the European news, you will find as much as I can tell you, In the publick papers;

Brigad^r. Stanwix is here. And desires me to inform you, that he would have wrote to you, had he known how to direct to you, hopes you are well. And desires his best respects to you: Nothing is mentioned about him from home, so that he still remains at a loss to know what is to become of him; He cannot serve under M^r. Amhurst, As he is an older Colonel, at the same time I believe he wants not to go home, but this between ourselves; M^r. Prevost is no Brigad^r. but Colonel, And I am told goes home immediately;

The King of Prussia is in a fine Way. And all is well at home; War is the Word. And Peace is no more thought of; as wee expect daily to have the pleasure of seeing you, And as I am much in a hurry, I hope you will excuse the shortness of this from,

My Dear Sir,

Your ever greatly obliged
very obed^t. and very humble Servant

JN^O. TULLEKEN

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P: S: By all accounts and private letters, it looks as if the Duke was coming in again;

[Marginal Note] There were no Letters for you by the Packet.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Major Tulleken 17th febr^y

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COL. HUGH MERCER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 47, A. L. S.]

Pittsburgh 17th Feby 1759

Dear Sir,

My Letter of the 7th inclosing Returns of the Garrison & State of Provisions, which was sent by M^r Garth ingineer, I hope has come safe to hand; since that time no Occurrances worth communicating have fallen out here, Nor no peice of Intelligence, been brought me till Yesterday, that Kikiuskung our Freind if we have any among the Delawares, returned from Kiskuskas. I mentioned to you in a former letter, his being sent to Priscile, and his Son to the Salt Springs. But the Weather has been so excessively severe as to prevent his going to the first. besides, he tells me that the French are well acquainted with his attachment to the English, & he has reason to dread their Resentment, if caught too far from home. His own Freinds att Kiskuskas upbraided him for letting his son & Cousin go to Venango for me. saying at the same time, We might go spy for ourselves, it was now peace, and none of their People would prevent us. This Impertinence I am sensible is not worth your reading, only it serves to show the secret disposition of the Villains, and what dependence may be had on their Freindship. The Old Man has brought some Peices of Intelligence of far greater Consequence; he went himself to the Salt springs & found only One Officer & fifteen Men there, employed in Treading with the Indians. they had brought ten horse Loads of Goods which were chiefly expended in Presents And in purchasing

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Dear Meat & Corn, of both which their stock is inconsiderable. The French Officer told him, that a Thousand Soldiers & a Number of Long haired Indians, were then on their March across the Lake from Niagara, that their Provisions & Military Stores were already come to Le Beef, and every thing preparing at that Fort for making a Descent on this Place as soon as the Ohio is cleared of Ice. This is so far Confirmed by a Shawnese fellow residing at Le Beef, who has come from thence to Kiskuskas a few days ago -- he tells the Indians that a large Artillery, he says forty Pieces, Are now at Le Beef, a great Quantity of Flour & Beef, lately transported from Niagra, and three Battoes made every Day for some time past & of a larger size than Ours, but does not pretend that so great a Body of Soldiers as the French Man talks of, Are yet come to Le Beef but that every thing is fitting up with great expedition to sail down the River early in the Spring.

It is much easier to relate the Intelligence I receive than reconcile the Inconsistencies of it; today we hear of a body of French being on their March against us, & perhaps to morrow accounts will be brought, that the French are running away from Venango; It is our business to prepare for the worst & No time shall be lost in finishing the Works; Cap^t Robertson is of great Service in this Respect: Our Battoe building goes on but slowly for want of Sawyers. Horsey tells me the Pitch which was sent up will go but a little way in paying the Battoes being mixed up with Dirt, and a great Quantity of it good for nothing; The driving of Ice & height of the Rivers have prevented my searching for the Cannon &c. The Ohio is broke away upwards & is extremely full of Ice but none in the Monongehela for some days past; We have had more intense Cold & Frost here than I have known before in America,

A few days ago I had the Pleasure of hearing of a Strong Reinforcement^t marching up; If so I flatter myself with your visiting the Ohio Once More, and being able to defeat any Designs the Enemy may form this Way;

I am

Dr Sir

Your most obed^t humble Serv^t

HUGH MERCER

Our Stock of Flour &c increases daily, by Supplies from Virginia MaryL^d & Pensylv^a

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The French at the Salt Springs live in small Indian Cabins, have no Store of Arms, and but little Provision; their design seems to be to preserve some Interest among the Indians, as they have been very liberal in their Presents to the Great Men, particularly to Delaware George.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Col. Mercer Pittsburgh
17th febr^y 1759

(February 18, 1759)

CAPT. JAMES SINCLAIR TO GENERAL JOHN FORBES

[B. L., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 49, A. L. S.]

Carlisle the 18.th February 1759

Sir

Yesterday Evening I received the favour of your Excellency's Letter of the 8.th Ins.^t In a Letter I sent you some days before I explained the reason why I had not done myself the Honour to write you sooner, which I hope your goodness will admit of as an Excuse, as the fear of being troublesome made me address myself to Sir John, which I imagined would answer the same purpose.

The kind and friendly manner in which you are pleased to mention my rash and unhappy Letter, lays me under the most lasting Obligations. At the same time that I acknowledge my Error in having made use of Expressions, that could admit of an Interpretation, in any ways disrespectfull to Colonel Bouquet, give me leave to assure your Excellency, it never was my Intention: I imagined he was misinformed by some malicious Person who had a mind to hurt me in your Opinion, at such a one my Letter was pointed: this in a heat led me to write, what upon cooler Reflexion it was impossible to recall. Altho innocently, I own I gave Cause of dissatisfaction to Colonel Bouquet, I am heartily sorry for it, and wish I could convince him of the Concern it has given me.

(February 18, 1759)

Untill the date of my last Letter I informed you of what was gone up the Country, I have since sent 192 Horses loaded with Oats and flower: I have had no late Returns from above, of the state of Provisions, which indeed, could not well be ascertained, having undergone daily Alterations. M^r Clark has dispatched a person to Pittsburgh, who is to bring down with him a Return of Provisions at all the different Posts, which I imagen will be more Satisfactory to your Excellency, than any thing I can transmit at present, as by that time, the Magazines for their Winter Store will be formed. In a late Letter from M^r Oury, he informs me he was under a necessity of sending Pork upon Carrying Horses to Ligoneer, a very Expensive and troublesom Carriage. This want of meat I can account for in no other Shape, than that they have forwarded too great a Quantity of the Live Hogs that were sent up, to Pittsburgh. However, as I thought the thing would admit of no delay, I applyed to M^r Clark to take some steps for their immediate Relief, untill I could receive your Orders. M^r Clark agreed to purchase Twenty Head of Live cattle upon a Letter I wrote him, which he said was necessary for his Vindication. Enclosed I send a Copy of this Letter. Live cattle may be easily drove up, and there can be no difficulty in getting a Quantity of Hogs from Maryland or the South Branch, but this the Contractors are not inclined to, and will rather put the Governm^t to the Expence of carrying Salt Pork upon horses, at this Season of the Year, when there is no such thing as waggoning, unless some Instructions are given them.

I send this Letter by Colonel Pratter, the Person appointed in the public Advertisements to pay for Flower carried to Pittsburgh from Frederick County in Maryland. He informs me there is 30,000 W^t gone from those Parts, most of the People are returned with their Certificates from the Commanding Officer, and as ready Money which was promised, was their great Inducement in going, expect Payment, which Col.^o Pratter cannot give untill the Money is lodged in his Hands, which your Excellency will please to take into Consideration.

I have procured from Lieu^t. Sympson a Return of what Arms, Accoutriments &c. were sent by him to the Provincial Commissioners, and likewise from Captain Byers, what was delivered here and is remaining here. The greatest part of those last Arms, are in very bad Order, and will not be fit for Service till put in repair.

I have the Honour to be with great Respect

Your Excellency's
Most Obliged & Most Obedient Hum^l. Serv^t.

JAMES SINCLAIR.

(February 19, 1759)

MARY BILLINGS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 50, A. L. S.]

Boston Feb^y the 19 1759

Sir

As I am Unhappy enough, no Longer to have any hopes of Mr Billings being alive, his Unfortunate Widow, and three Children he has Left behind, for sune Recourse Must apply to your Freindship: I dont know the proper means of Obtaining the Pension, which is appointed for Officers Widows but I am told you are the propest Person to Represent me, and my Circumstances, for the Obtaining of that, which will be a Necessary Support, to the poor Infants he has Left. And I must entreat you Sir of Mr. Billings Effects have been Disposed of, that you wold Cause the Money arising from the sale of them, to be Remitted to me here, His papers will be forwarded to me, if they are put into the hands of M^{rs} Franklin at the Post Office in Philadelphia And Every other kindness you will be Pleasd to do me in Acquainting me of his affairs as they stand Related to the Regiment Will be

Gratefully Acknowledgd
by Sir his Mournfull Widow

MARY BILLINGS

To Colenel Bouquet of the Royal Americans

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] M^{rs} Billing

(February 19, 1759)

MARY BILLINGS TO CAPT. THOMAS JOCELYN

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 52, C.]

Boston feb^{ry} the 19 1759.

As you were a freind of Mr Billings So I hope you will be One to his Unfortunate Widow and Children, by advice I have wrot to Colonel Bouquet to Represent me for the Obtaining of the Pension and the Settlement of his Effects and other affairs he was Concerned in, as Lieu^t and Paymaster in your Regiment Capt Moore has Chargd Mr Billings in his Abstract with £ 45 = 18 = 9 Sterling for the Blankets which you Gave an Order for on Mr Goldthwait, Mr Goldthwait refuses to pay me, and my freinds who have Seen Mr Billings Papers, tell me the Legal Method to Recover this Money is to Protest your Order, Sir I woud not take a step of that kind, before I heard from you, you are Sensible Sir in Justice to his poor Children, I must take every Method to obtain their Just Right, and I hope as a freind of mr Billings you will put me in a right way a soon as Possible

I am Sir with Due Respect,
Your Most H: S:

MARY BILLINGS.

To Captain Jocelyn of the Royal Americans

Duplicate

(February 19, 1759)

MARY BILLINGS TO DEBORAH FRANKLIN

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 53, A. L. S.]

Boston Feb^{ry} the 19 1759

Dear Mad^m

My Unhappy Misfortune, has been the Occaision of my not writing to you before, to return you my thanks for your Goodness

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and wish it may be in my Power to make some Retaliation for your favours. Your Goodness hitherto Mad^m once more imboldens me to beg a favour I have wrot Coln^l Bouquet concerning mr Billings Papers, and have taken the freedom to dissire him to leave them with you, which youl be so Good as to take Charge of for me, being of the greatest Consequence and must beg your Care of them till a safe Conveayance offers by Land Should they be too Large to send at once I must beg the favour of you to send them at diffrent times I should take it as a Great favour Mad^m if you Should See Coln^l Bouquet, to put him in mind of Giving you the Papers, as they these great men have So much Busniess to mind he may forget it as none of mr Billings Accounts Can be settled till I recive his papers and Mad^m if there is any thing that I Can Serve you in I Shall Esteem it as a favour to obey your Commands my Complements to mrs Sully I am Mad^m

with Due Respects your
Obliged hum^{bl} Sarvant

MARY BILLINGS

[Addressed] To M^{rs} Deborah Franklin att Philadelphia

(February 19, 1759)

COL. THOMAS LLOYD TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 55, A. L. S.]

[Ligonier, Feb. 19, 1759.]

Sir

this comes by an Express from Col Mercer whose Letter agreeable to your Instructions I opend, the Returns of this Garrison for the last Month sent by Express I hope came safe to Hand & were satisfactory to you since then no material Occurrence has happend, the Number of Royal Amer: at present Effective is thirty, Highlanders one hundred & Ten, Pennsylvanians one Hundred and two, the garrison at Stoney Creek being greatly distress'd by Sickness has oblig'd me

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to detach Six Men from this Post to enable them to continue Duty at any Rate, I have wrote to Capt Davis to releive those Six Men of mine by an equal Number of his upon which they are to return to me, I have the Pleasure to inform you that thro the indefatigable Industry of M^r Ourry this Garrison is already Stock'd with a Quantity of Provisions sufficient till the 20th March & more daily expected.

we have found it necessary to contract the out work in the Front of F^t Ligonier, and the two Batterys on that Quarter being demolish'd by the Frost have erected two others in their Room, nearer than those to the Fort & joind to it by a Line of Pallisades from the Angle of the Shoulder of each Bastion

one of these Batterys next the Declivity of the Hill mounts one Gun which scours the escarpé of the Hill, the other mounts two Peices & defends the Redoubt and a large Circle of the adjacent Field M^r Garth the Engineer saw & approvd the Plan in the Accomplishm^t of which I must acknowledge the Services & Activity of Capt M^cKenzie in a particular Manner, we are besides engag'd in finishing the Barracks & bringing our People within the Retrenchment

I hope to see you shortly return with the returning Spring
- & am Sir

with the greatest Regard
Your most obedient humble Servant

T LLOYD

19th ~~19th~~ feb. Ligenier

P. S. I flatter myself you will pardon this Scrawl to an Inflammation in my Eye which hardly serve me to see at present

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] L^t Col. Lloyd 19th feb^y
1759

(February 20, 1759)

LIEUT. JAMES GRANT TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 59, A. L. S.]*

Philadelphia 20th Feb^y 1759.

Sir,

General Forbes highly sensible of the many fatigues and hardships you and your Officers & the troops in General under his Command have underwent during the course of the most extraordinary Campaign that has happened in this or any other Country, and willing at the same time to give some publick testimony of his approbation to the Gentlemen under his Command has ordered me to acquaint you and the Commanding Officers of Corps that he has directed a Gold Medal to be struck to the following purpose which he hereby Authorizes the Officers of his Army to wear as an honorary reward for their faithfull Services -- and as soon as an Oppertunity Offers he intends to inform his Majesty of it.

In the mean time your Officers and Colonel Montgomerys may be provided in Town

The Medal has on one side the representation of a road cut thro' an immense Forest over Rocks & Mountains: The Motto PER TOT DISCRIMINA -- on the other side are represented the Confluence of the Ohio and Monongahela rivers, a Fort in flames in the forks of the Rivers at the approach of General Forbes carried in a Litter, followed with the Army marching in Collumns with Cannon THE MOTTO OHIO BRITTANICA CONSILIO MANUQUE.

This to be wore round the Neck with a dark blew Ribbon

By the Generals Command

JAMES GRANT Lieu^t in his Majestys
62^d Reg^t or 1st H. B.

Colonel Bouquet

* There is a signed copy at f. 57, not reproduced.

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N. B. General Forbes is of Oppinion that such of your officers as chuse to provide themselves with y^e above Medal should have a Copy of this Letter sign'd and attested by you as a warrant for their wearing it

J. G.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] B^r Gen^l Forbess Letter
upon the Medall 20th febr^y 1759

[Addressed] To Colonel Henry Bouquet of The Royal American Reg^t.

(February 22, 1759)

MAJOR JOHN TULLEKEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 60, A. L. S.]

Newyork 22^d Fabuary 1759.

Dear Sir.

By a letter from Captain Mather Dated the 14th instant, I am inform'd that there is no Camp Equipage as yet bespoke for the Four Companies; Brigad^r Stanwix /who I inform'd you in my last was arrived here/ has therefore thought proper to send his Quarter-master M^r Dow to Philadelphia, to bespeake and order such Camp Equipage as may be necessary for them, and this he thought was the more necessary, as he does not know how long you may be detained upon the Frontiers; M^r Dow, however, has directions, to obey your orders in this, if he should be so happy as to meet with you at Philadelphia; Gen^l Amhurst has ordered that Each Battalion of a Thousand men, should give one hundred for Light Infantry for the next Campaign; The Six Companies are to give Sixty, and the Four Companies Forty. They are to be dress'd accordingly, And Each man

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to have a powder Horn, which horn, My dear Sir, you will be so good as to order the men to procure as soon as possible; I have sent the order to the six Companies, And hope when wee come to join, that you will find them to your good likeing.

I have got the Camp Soupage for the Six Companies Already finished, and I have the pleasure to tell you that wee are ready for the Field, so that I flatter myself when you come to join us, you will not be disapointed; The officers are order'd to have, what wee call horsemens Tents for the next Campaign, and I have order'd M^r Dow to acquaint M^r M^cComb at Philadelphia, with the dimentions of them, so that you may order them accordingly;

I flatter myself, and most sincerely hope, my dear sir, that wee shall have the pleasure to meet in the Spring, God grant wee may either join you, or you us;

Brigad^r Stanwix wants much to hear from you; Brigad^r Prevost goes for England in a few days; For Godsake, my dear sir, let us know where you are;

I beg you will believe me to be, as in truth I am,

My Dear Sir,
Your very greatly obliged very Obedient
& very humble Servant

JN^o TULLEKEN

P. S: General Forbes Regiment at Philadelphia, will inform you how the light Infantry are to be Cloathed, as a Pattern has been sent them;

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Major Tulleken 22^d febr^y
answered

(February 23, 1759)

LIEUT. ALLAZ TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 62, A. L. S.]

[Lancaster, Feb. 23, 1759.]

Monsieur

Le Lieutenant Hess est mort hier a Six heure du matin et a Eté enterré aujourd'hui a midy avec tous les honneurs millitaire et beaucoup d'economie, Ce n'est qu'avec la plus grande peine que je suis venu about de le faire enterré a l Eglise

Il avoit dit aux gens de la maison que je devoit prendre Soin, de les effets, Et nay pas voulu y aller Seul; par ordre du Major Campbell, deux le les officiers et le Capt. Bosinworth y sont venu avec moy ou nous avons pris L'inventaire, il n avoit pas beaucoup de bagages Lancaster il avoit laiser a philadelph chez Scheiverghauser, avec 60 pistoles qui luy a remis en garde, nous avons trouvé le Billet dans Son porte feuille, une fille de Son Logis qui a eu Soin de luy pendant toute Sa maladie, et la veillé Continuellement desire fort d avoir ou Etuit qui Se trouve dans Ses effets, Je luy a dit que pauvoit l honneur de vous L ecrire, Je Suis tres Respectueusement

Monsieur

Votre tres humble et tres obeissant Serviteur

ALLAZ

Lancaster le 23^e Fevrier 1759

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Lieut.^t Allaz 23^d febv

[Addressed] To Colonel Bouquet of the 1^{te} Batt Royal Am. Regt.
Att Philadelphia

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[TRANSLATION]

[Lancaster, Feb. 23, 1759.]

Sir:

Lieutenant Hess died yesterday at six o'clock in the morning and was buried today at noon with all military honors and a great deal of economy. It was only with the greatest difficulty that I succeeded in having him buried in church.

He told the people of the house that I was to take charge of his effects. As I did not wish to go there alone, two of Captain Bosinworth's officers, by order of Major Campbell, accompanied me there, where we took an inventory. He did not have much baggage in Lancaster, he had left it in Philadelphia with Scheiverghauser with 60 pistoles which he had placed in his care. We found the bill in his pocket-book. A girl at his lodgings, who had cared for him during his illness and watched over him continually, wished very much to have some of the things she had found among his belongings. I told her she could have the honor of writing to you.

I am very respectfully

Sir

Your very humble and very obedient servant

ALLAZ

(February 23, 1759)

CAPT. RALPH HARDING TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 64, L. S.]

York-town 23^d Febr^y 1759.

Sir

I Beg Pardon for troubling you with this, but as I have been in a bad state of health since you left this place, and found that what you said to me in relation to your procuring me one Thousand Guineas and getting me leave to sell, and using your Interest in my behalf was in earnest, on this account, I have taken the liberty of sending down Ensⁿ M^cDougall, who has a little business at Philadelphia.

I Beg leave to ask the favour of you to use your good offices in my behalf as soon as possible, which will greatly Oblige

Sir

Your most Obedient and
Most Humble Servant.

R: HARDING

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Cap^t Harding 23^d febr^y
Answered

[Addressed] To Colonel Henry Bouquet Philadelphia

(February 24, 1759)

CAPT. GAVIN COCHRANE: RETURN OF SIX COMPANIES

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 66, D. S.]

Return of six Companies of Brigadier General Stanwix's														
COMPANIES		Officers						Present						
		Commission'd						Staff			Non Com- mission			
		Colonel	Lieu ^t Colonel	Major	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Chaplain	Adjutant	Q ^r Master	Surgeon	Mate	Serjeants	Drummers
Brigad ^r Gen ^l Stanwix's						1			1			1	3	2
Major John Tullekens						1	1						2	1
Captains	Rich ^d Mathers					1	1						3	1
	Gavin Cochranes				1	1							3	1
	William Stewarts				1	1							2	1
	John Schlossers													
Total						2	5	2		1		1	13	6

Absent

	Since what time absent	By whose leave and for
Brig ^r General Stanwix's	28 th Jan ^y 1759	At New York -----
Major John Tulleken	11 th July 1758	At New York for the
Captain Richard Mather	Ditto	Recruiting -----
Lieut Elias Meyer	20 th Novy ditto	Ditto -----
Lieut Thomas Bassett	17 th Apr ^y ditto	Employ'd as Engineer
Lieut Dedrick Brehm	23 ^d Feby 1759	Scouting party -----
Lieut James Ralfe	20 th Nov ^r 1758	Recruiting -----
Lieut John Wilson	11 th July ditto	Gone to England -----
Lieut James Dow	-----	At New York on the
Ensign Alex ^r McIntosh	11 th July ditto	On Command at
Chaplain Nicholson Jackson	-----	Major General
Surgeon James Stevenson	28 Jan ^y 1759	Brigad ^r Gen ^l Stanwix's

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Return 24th feby

[Addressed] Return of six Companies of Brig^r Gen^l Stanwix's Bat-
talion. R.A.R. Albany the 24th Feb:y 1759

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Battalion of the R. A. R. Albany y ^e 24 th Feby 1759																		
Effectives. Rank and file							Wanting to Com- pleat to the Establishment			Since last Return								
										Recruited	Dead	Recomended	Discharged	Deserted	Joind			
Fit for duty	Sick Present	Sick in Hosp: ^l	On Command	Recruiting	On Forlough	Total	Serjeant	Drummers	Rank and file									
55	6	3	14	6		84			16				2					
50	2	2	16	2		72		1	28									
62	3	1	18	2		86			14									
51	6	1	18	3		79			21				2	1				
67	4	1	9	2	1	84			16		1							
			86			86			14				1					
385*	21	8	161	15	1	491		1	109		1		5	1				
Officers							Vacant officers & by w ^t means											
what Time.							Months	Captain Lieu ^t Vacant.										
Recovery of his health																		
with Gen'l Forbes																		
Regimentts Business																		
Flatt Bush ----- Abercrombys																		

{ N. B. one Captain, one Lieutenant two
Ensigns, Eight Serjeants and two Drum-
mers On Command; and three Serjeants
three Drummers Recruiting. } GAVIN COCHRANE Cap^t Comd^t

* This total is incorrect, but is the same as in the original.

(February 24, 1759)

DR. JAMES MILNE TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 67, A. L. S.]

York town 24th February 1759

Sir

When at Loyalhannon I requested your Interest to procure me a Commission. You was so kind as to give me your opinion very freely viz: To purchase, and that you would endeavour to assist me in Winter quarters. I Applied at Philadelphia for the Ensigncy which falls by Captain Landers selling, but Have no hopes of success. I understand Captⁿ Harding intends to leave the Army if he can Obtain liberty to sell, If he does I hope Sir, you will consider me. I must be so plain to tell you that I could not buy without being a Mate at same time, for a year or two, so that one of the pays might be deposited to Repay the Gentlemen who woul'd be good enough to advance for me. Tho' I cannot Commend this custome in the Army, yet it is practised. To me it would be charity.

I am

Sir

Your much Obliged and Obedient Humble Servant.

JAMES MILNE

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] D^r Milne 24th febr

[Addressed] To Henry Bouquet Esq^r Colonel, in the first Battalion of the Royal American Regiment, Philadelphia

(February 25, 1759)

GEORGE STEVENSON TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 69, A. L. S.]

[York, Feb. 25, 1759.]

Hon^d Sir

Herewith I send you a Petition directed to General Forbes, which you'll be pleas'd either to prefer to his Excellency or suppress, according as you approve or disapprove of it, or communicate the substance of what you shall approve of it to him, If you shall think that most expedient.

I'm well assur'd the People of this County have their whole Dependance on you to order the Settlement & Payment of their Acc^ts consstgent with Justice as well to his Majesty as his Subjects and they fully trust that you will not suffer them to be put to the Trouble & Expen^de of Traveling to Philad^a

There has nothing happen'd here since you left this worth communicating. I hope to see you here again in a short Time, and am, with due Esteem,

Hon^d S^r
y^r most obed^t H^ble Serv^t

GEO STEVENSON

York 25th Feb. 1759

Colo. Bouquet

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] M^r Stevenson 25th feb^y

(February 27, 1759)

INVOICE: INDIAN STORES

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 71, D.]

An Invoice of Indian Stores sent from Fort Bedford to Fort
Pittsburgh by Order of Lieut Curry of the Royal American
Reiment & Aide Deputy-Quarter Master General by Ambrose
Newton Conductor to the Royal Artillery Feb 27: 1759

To 39 Horse Loads sent by Christopher Smith Horse Master
the Particulars are as followeth

To Blankets -----	463	
English Match Coats -----	45	
French Brown Match Coats -----	116	
White old ones -----	5	
French White Match Coats -----	80	
Scalping Knives Dozens -----	27	- 7
Clasp Knives Dozens -----	73	
Black and White Beads about lb. -----	4	
Brass Rings Dozens -----	30	
Sleive Buttons Dozens -----	3	
Pipe Tomahokes -----	16	
Gun Locks -----	23	
Yellow Binding Peices -----	12	
Gartring Peices -----	2	
Wire about lb. -----	1	
Vermillion about -----lb-----	2	
Check Shirts -----	18	
White Ruffled -----	2	
Aul Blades Dozens -----	7	
Jews Harps Dozens -----	6	- 9
Some Screw Nails for the Guns -----	--	
Half thick for Stockings Yards -----	38	
Strouding Half thick Yards -----	7	
2 Peices of Strip'd Flannel Yards -----	17	
1 Remnant of a Peice of White Linn abt 2 Shirts	--	
Blew Britch Clout Yards -----	11	
Peices of Half thick -----	10	
Peices of Callico -----	1	
Pairs of Red Half thick stockings -----	1	
Barr Lead, Peices -----	98	
Flints about -----	2000	
Tin Quart Mugs -----	16	
Tin Pints Ditto -----	39	
Indian Guns -----	20	
Pistols -----	2	
Silver Gorgets -----	13	
Silver Lac'd Hats -----	22	
White Wampum -----	2000	
Tomahokes -----	96	

Barrs

[Endorsed] Indian Goods Sent to Pittsburgh

(March 1, 1759)

A MONTHLY REPORT OF THE DAILY TRANSACTIONS AND OCCURRENCES
AT FORT LITTLETON

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 72, D. S.]

A Monthly Report of the Daily Transactions and Occurrences which
happin'd at Fort Lyttleton since the 24th January to the 1st March
1759 Exclusive.

January the 25th 1759

At 8 OClock A M, Col^o Bouquet with his Company sett off
from hence for Fort Loudon. Delivered Col^o Bouquet a Horse taken
up as a Stray by some of my Garrison.

Three Suttlers arrived here with Pack Horses loaded with
Necessaries for the Use of the Army forward. And

In the Evening M^r Garth an Engineer arrived here on his
way to Pittsburgh.

26th

At 4 OClock this Afternoon a Brigade of 60 Pack Horses
under the Care of Willson Thompson Horsemaster loaded with Oats
arriv'd here.

27th

At 9 OClock this Morning The above Brigade left this on
their way to F. Bedford.

Four Suttlers arrived here with ten Horses on their Return
home from Legonier. Also A Suttler with a Waggon Load of Nec-
saries for F^t Bedford

28th

Three Suttlers with ten Horse Load of Liquor & Necessaries
passed by here on their way to Bedford at 9 OClock A M.

At 8 OClock This Evening John M^cKnights Brigade of Fifty
Pack Horses loaded with Oats came to this Post.

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29th

John McKnight's Brigade sett off this Morning abt 10 OClock for Fort Bedford.

This Evening arrived here two butchers driving up Eight head of fine Stallfed Cattle to Fort Bedford, Also

Three Suttlers with 7 Horses loaded with Necessaries for the Frontiers.

Came here from Bedford on their way down Jn: ^oCartney Blacksmith and James Gaily Suttler with two King's Horses.

30th

Two Suttlers pass'd this, on their way home from Bedford with Six Horses.

Arrived here abt 3 OClock Thomas Dunker Horsemaster with fifteen Horses, on their way to Carlisle with some sick Soldiers

Also Abraham Tegardner Suttler with 4 Horses on his Return from Ft Bedford.

31st

A Corporal and Six Men whom I sent three Days agoe a hunting after a Gang of Horses in the Cove returned without Success.

February the 1st 1759

Passed by this Fort to Bedford at 8 OClock this Morning Alex: Stevens's Brigade of Sixty Pack Horses loaden with Oats.

2^d

Valentine Ustleman Suttler pass'd by this Fort on his Return home from the Westward.

3^d

Nothing Materiall.

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February the 4th 1759

At Ten OClock this Morning pass'd by here on their way to Bedford Thomas Price and Daniel McPherson's Brigades of Pack-horses consisting of 114 loaden with Oats. Also John Rutter suttler with five Horses loaden with Flour & C^a.

Likewise four Suttlers on their Return home with 8 Horses And a Party of Suttlers driving Thirty Horses loaden with Flour and Liquor to the Westward.

Late in the Evening arrived here an Express from Legonir from Col: ~~Ø~~ Lloyd with Dispatches to York, Lancaster & Philad: /John Crips a Soldier by Name/

5th

At Ten OClock This Morning James Crampton pass'd by on his way upwards with a Brigade of Sixty Pack Horses loaden with Flour. Also George Watson Suttler with nine Horses loaden with Flour. Likewise pass'd by on their Return to from Pittsburg, John Lindsay and John McFarling Horsemaster with Sixty Pack Horses carrying four sick Soldiers of different Corps with whom I sent to Loudon Two North Carolina Soldiers Sick.

Patrick McClean passed by on his way to Bedford with Twelve Horses loaded with Flour &c.

6th

At 2 OClock P. M, passed by here Alexⁿ. Lowery Suttler wth Seventeen Horses loaden with Rum & Dry Goods for Pittsburg.

7th

Two Suttlers march'd by here with Nine Horses loaded wth Flour.

February the 8th 1759

Granted Rich^d. Kennedy a Soldier of Col.^o Burd's Comp^y a Furlough[h] to proceed to the Inhabitants for the Recovery of his Health.

At 9 OClock this Morning pass'd by here without Delay Jam[es] Warden Horsemaster with Eighty Pack Horses loaden with Flour [& Oats.]

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Also at 8 OClock P. M. arrived here a Suttler with five Horses loaden with Flour on his way upthwards.

Likewise Two Butchers on their Return fth the Westward.

9th

At 10 OClock AM James Tonston Suttler with 14 horses loaden with Flour, Liquor &c pass'd by on his way upthwards;

At 2 OClock PM Conrad Philips with 8 horses, with this [un]Loaden proceeded up.

th Arrived here late in the Evening a Brigade of Pack Horses w: some Drivers but no Horsemaster with 36 returned Empty Pack Horses.

10th

At 7 OClock This Evening came here on their Return from Pittsburg 30 Suttlers with 12 Horses loaden with Skins.

11th

Arrived here on his Return from above Moses McCarty with five Horses.

12th

This Day arrived here Lieutenant Wright of the Royal Arti[lery] on his way to Legonier.

13th

Four Suttlers with 12 loaded Horses and a Waggon with Flour and Liquor went by here.

14th

Nothing matterial

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February the 15:th 1759

This Day arrived here at 3 in the Afternoon a Suttler with Eighteen Horses loaded with Flour and Oats -- on his way to the westward. Also

A Command of a Serjeant and Twenty one men of the 1:st Batt. Penn. Reg: ordere'd forward by Ensign Hughes their Officer on their way to Pittsburg.

16:th

At 8 This Morning arrived here M:^r Galbreath Suttler with Eight Horses loaded with Rum for Pittsburg. And

At 3 OClock PM Rob:^t Jameson Horsemaster with Eighty four Pack Horses loaden with Flour. And a Number of returning Suttlers & their Horses passed by here from the Westward.

Ensign's Hughes & Bard arrived here at 4 OClock P. M on their way to Bedford

17:th

Nothing matterial.

18:th

M:^r Garth arrived here at 4 OClock on his Return from Pittsburg

19:th

The above Gentlemen sett off on his Journey at 10 OClock A M

At 11 OClock AM arrived here James Clinton Horsemaster with 59 Horses loaden with Flour and went forward without Delay.

Also Some Suttlers with Seven Horses loaded with Pork & Corn

And on their Return home, came here Willson Thompson, & Tho. Price Horsemaster with 42 Pack Horses at 3 OClock P. M. Likewise a Suttler with four horses on their Return home.

In the Evening came here on their way to Carlisle from Bedford Ensign Quicksell of the 2^d B. P. R: & M:^r Jones Suttler.

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20th

At 4 OClock passed by this place Simpson The Horsemaster with 24 returning Pack Horses.

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At 4 OClock This Afternoon arrived here on his way upwards Mr Dannerly a Deputy Commissary. Also

At the same time passed Christopher Smith on his way to Bedford with a Brigade of Eighty two Pack Horses loaden with Oats & Flour.

22^d

This Day arrived here Corporal Hale on his way upwards but being lame requested to stay here a while and in his Room I have Sent Gasper of Weimer of Col: Lloyd's own Company to Legonier.

23^d

Arrived here with 12 horses loaded with Liquor W^m McDowell Suttler. Also at 10 OClock AM Passed by here Tho: Potts with a Brig[ade] of Pack Horses to the N: of 50 loaden with Flour.

W^m Watson an Express arr passed by here twix't 3 & four OClock in the Afternoon from Pittsburgh.

Three suttlers with nine Horses loaden with Liquor cam[e] here on their way to Pittsburgh.

24th

Several Suttlers passed this with 10 Horses loaded wth Liquor & other necessaries for the Troops to the Westward

25th

Alexander Stephens passed this on his way down ab^t 10 OClock with 52 returning Horses, accompanied with Several Suttlers and 4 Highland Soldiers -- with Isaac Higgins a Penns: Soldier on Furlough. Also at 12 OClock A M D. A Suttler 12 Horses loaden with Rum &c. passed by for Pittsburg.

Ensigns Hughes & Bard departed from hence on their way to Bedford.

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26: _____

At 10 OClock this Morning passed by here on ~~their~~ his Return Da[niel] M^cPherson with 30 Pack Horses, Also 4 Suttlers w.th 14 Horses.

Likewise passed James Warden's Brigade of 57 Returned Pack Horses at 12 OClock Noon.

At 3 OClock P. M. Cap^t Thompson late of the L.^t Horse arrived here with one M^r Harris and Two Servants.

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Two Waggon's belonging to Cap^t Thomson loaded with Goods & Merchandize for Bedford & Pittsburg, pass'd this Post.

Also a Suttler with 17 Horses loaded with Liquor & C^a and another one with 7 Horses loaden with the same.

Tho^s Potts with 51 Return'd Horses ~~came~~ passed by here.

th
28: _____

This Day Ab^m Teagardner returned from Pittsburg, Suttler with 17 Horses. Also at 11 OClock James Crampton with 27 retur'd Pack Horses passed by here.

This Morning early Two Indians left this who came here last Night by themselves with Two Horses, They left a Serjeant who had them in Charge at Shippensburg without his Knowlege & came here the near way, They are bound to Pittsburgh.

This Evening late came in an Express from Loudon f^m Ensign Hambach with several Letters for the Westward with which I dispatched another Express to Juniata to L^t Broadhead.

Also pass'd by here John M^cKnight's Brigade of Return'd Horses.

Fort Lytleton Ye 1st of March 1759.

C GRAYDON Ensⁿ 2^d B. P. R^t & C.

[Endorsed] Journall of the dayly Occurrences - at Fort Lytleton from the 25th January 1759 to the 1st March 1759 Exclusive.

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LIEUT. HUGH CRAWFORD TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 76, A. L. S.]

Stoney Creek March y^e 1th 1759

Honorud Sir

The Men of this Garrison have Loooured Under Great Afflic-
tions by reason of Sickniss. I have a Docter Meat a tending of
them: and Som are lickly to Recover: as the wether is geting warmer
neddsins Can be the Redier aplayed and to mor perfection then in
winter

I have Sent your Hononera Report of this Garrison Perhaps
not in Propar order as I Dont Rightly onderstand I hop to be Ex-
cused and Shall inforam my self Better a Gainst the Nixt.

Honarabl Sir I am Your most Homol Servant

HUGH CRAWFFORD En:ⁿ

Sir/ Excuse th. Paper

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Lieut.^t Crawford 1.st March

[Addressed] On His Majstys Servies To Colonal Buquet in Yourek town

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COL. HUGH MERCER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 78, A. L. S.]

Pittsburgh 1st March 1759

Dear Sir,

Your Letter of the 12th Feb^y I had the pleasure to receive
yesterday, and take the opportunity of Isaac Stille's going to
Phylad^a to transmitt to you the Monthly Returns of the Garrison.

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King Beaver is just returned with Stille from influencing the neighbouring Tribes to join the English, they tell me, our messages meet with a welcome Reception, and the proposals would be immediatly gone into, could the Indians be perswaded of our Sincerity; They can scarcely as yet reconcile their numerous barbarities with entire forgiveness on our Part which seems natural enough. Neither the Beaver nor Stille had heard of the Enemys Force said to be at Le Beef. But Delaware George confirms the Account sent you in my Letter of the 17th Feb^y viz, That a Train of Artillery & large Reinforcement had crossed the Lake from Niagara and that Battoes are preparing with all expedition. The Delawares at Sacunek remove to Kiskuskas, as they pretend, at the Desire of the English & Six Nations, but I rather think it is to be out of harms way; For their old thinking People would gladly give over fighting, and have seen too much of both English & French to be very fond of a near connection with either.

The Weather has favoured us greatly these ten days past, and all hands are employed in preparing to receive the Enemy, if they Intend us a Visit.

The Health of the Garrison suffered by the late constant & excessive Rains, as youll see by the Return, but we begin now to mend upon it.

The Fame of Patterson has not reached us; his mad Enterprize astonishes me; does he propose taking one of the Enemies forts, or to catch a french Man out of them? both are equally ridiculous; & to cut the throats of those Wretches we offer Peace to must be a hopefull Scheme.

Two Taway Indians from over Lake Erie have come here along with the Beaver, to know the Truth; whether we had made peace with the Delawares -- The French perswading them it was all a Cheat, and that the English were come here to destroy them root & Branch. They are gone home seemingly well pleasd with their treatment here, And the Beaver tells me, he Setts off immediatly for the Nations inhabiting on the other Side the Lake, to Second with all this Interest our Proposals of Peace; The Old fellows Policy in my opinion is to be Absent for some Months, that he may have an argument in his favour, with the prevailing Party here, be who they will.

I have wrote to M^r Ourrey to discourage the Sending any more Indian Meal. It can neither be packed in a Granarie nor will it keep a Month in baggs, without being frequently Opened; It will

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be impossible to preserve Sweet the Quantity already laid in; It shall be Used the first & Some sent to Ligonier by the first Brigade of Kings Horses. My Fleet consists of 12 Sattoes, 1 Flat & 1 Canoe, Horsey will perform his Contract within the Time.

The Directions you are pleased to favour me with as to Liquors and every thing else shall be strictly adhered to, for it will give me the highest pleasure to be able to convince you that I am with great Esteem

Dear Sir,
Your most obed^t humble Serv^t

HUGH MERCER

Please to make offer of my Compliments to Gen^l Forbes.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Col. Mercer 1st March 1759

(March 2, 1759)

LIEUT. ARCHIBALD BLANE TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 80, A. L. S.]

Ligonier March 2^d 1759

Sir

The Letter I sent you by the Express would have been a deal fuller, had I not been obliged thro the Quikness of Col^l Lloyd (which he some times shews in a very great degree) to Close (my Letter) even without examining it. The detachment of R^l Amer^s here continue extreamly healthy and for what I know those at Pittsburg are the likes, but the Raskal of a Serjeant never gives me the least accounts, tho' I hope he will be more distink for the future, as I wrote him a pretty Sharp Letter Some Days ago.

I was in hopes you would have sent up some Mony both for meself and the Detachment by Lieut^t Wright which I asure you would have been very acceptable to both.

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Was there such a thing as getting Mony for Bills you would have found some Draughts upon you ere now; but there is no such thing to be had here.

I received your Favor of the 12.th past; I am very much obliged to you for the Trouble you promise to take about my Commission, as well as the other Instances of your kindness therein mentioned.

As I expect this will find you at Philladelphia I must beg you to Second my request to General Forbes at Shippingtown (that I might have justice done me in regard of my Rank, as a Lieu. in the Reg.^t), which if I rightly remmember I mentioned to you when at Bedford) As an Ensign, I was Elder than Baillie, Campbel, Ramsay, &ca: who I have reason to believe have all of them their Commissions as Lieu.^t, elder than me, The Dates of our Ens.^s ran as Follows

Blane Dece.^r 4.th 1756
Campbell the 5
Ramsay - the 8
Baillie - the 9

By the Returns of the Garrison which Col.^l Loyd sends you, by this opportunity, you will see that we want to Compleat our Garrison. 2 Captains, 4 Subs: & 100 Rank & File at least when the Garrison of Pittsburg has 1 Capt.ⁿ & 2 Subs: more than their Comp.^t However I have the Satisfaction to See, the Regulars Compleat in every particular, and even but few of them Sick, I wish it was so with the Pens: who tho but equal in Numbers to us have upwards of 30.

Lately we have fired a good deal at Marks I hear send the Proportions of the Different Corps that fire as well as those who hit the Target

For the General Run The proportion of each Corps
who receive Drums for hitting the Target

that fire dayly

R. ^l Amer. ^s	6	-	R	-	A.	-----	4
Hylanders	-- 22	-----					12
Pens: ^s	----- 22	-----					11 & 12

N: B All the Pens:^s that fire have not Riffles, nor do those that have make the best Shots

I am sorry to hear from you that our Men behave so bad in their Quarters; I assure you those I have here give me no cause of

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Complaint, nor is the Place disagreeable to me, other wais than that discontent follows a Man be where he will.

Be asured we have done a deal of Work, sinch we came hear and I believe it ads a good deal to our Security tho' I am of Opinion that our full Compl^t of Men would have aded more.

After the Stricktest search I've been able to find no more than 50 of our Tents, 11 of which I've kept, least we should have occasion for them before we are relieved (which notwithstanding the agreable Comp^y at this Place added to the goodness of the Weather we have for some time past enjoyed) I wish for soon. and am sincerely

Sir,
Your most Obed^t hum^{le} Serv^t

ARCHI^d BLANE

[Marginal Note] If some method is not fallen upon the Soldiers full pay will never be able to furnish them with necessaries. Should be glad to know where our Batalion will be employed next Summer.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Lieut^t Blane March 2^d

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COL. HUGH MERCER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. L., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 82, C.]

[In Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Copy of Col. Mercer's Letter of y^e 2^d March 1759.

D^r Sir

The Intelligence of the Ennemys receiving a large Reinforcement from Niagara, with a Train of artillery, and of their

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having a number of Battoes ready to fall down the Ohio, is confirmed to me by sundry accounts from Indians.

My Letter of the 17th Febr^y contains this Intelligence one I sent off by Isaac Stille yesterday morning mentions it, and yesterday evening a Son of King Tedijs Kung who came a few days ago from KusKosKas told me that two french soldiers arrived Express at the above Town, with Letters to an officer who resides there: The Officer Show'd the Letters, telling the Indians, they contained an account of two thousand men being come to Le Beef, that a train of artillery and Battoes were ready to invest this Fort, and advised the Indians to Keep away from hence, as they tendered their safety:

The Officer Set off immediatly for Sackung.

The Beaver went home yesterday pretending to Know nothing of the French up the River, and assured me they were not come in Such numbers, otherwise he would Know, and undoubtedly inform me, when Danger was so near.

He at the Same time declined letting one of his young men go to spy up the River.

I shall Send to Col. Lloyd for the Reinforcem^t you mention and employ such as I can procure of the Indians to find out the truth of the above Account, tho' it will be at an exorbitant Price as they make a very serious affair of this.

The Rivers have been clear of Ice these ten days.

I thought it my duty to loose no time in communicating a Piece of Intelligence, which if true is of such Consequence to his Majestys service.

I am
s^r

(Signed) HUGH MERCER

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Col. Mercer's 2^d March

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COL. THOMAS LLOYD TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 83, A. L. S.]

[Ligonier, March 2, 1759.]

Sir

Yours of the 12th past I had the Honor to receive and am extreamly obligd to you for the Promise of Releif the more so as the present State of my Health renders it very necessary, Lt Clapham having staid here this Winter merely on my Account it woud add much to the Obligation if he could be relaid at the same Time

Inclosd are the Returns for the Month past the Works are finish'd, the Canoes made, a distinct House built for the Picquet which always mounts the preceding Night & forms the new Guard next Day the Redoubts are occupy'd by Guards, the People removd within the Retrenchment & Fort, the Gates barricaded & wicketts made & sufficient artillery abundantly servd.

tis next to impossible for me to figure to you the distressd Condition of a great Part of the Provincial Troops in this Garrison tho Humanity & Duty at the same Time call upon me to do it, exhausted with the Fatigue of a long & laborious Campaign fed even in the Scurvy on salt Pork, without Pay, without the Use of Acids or of Vegetables the most effectual Recourses in scoroutic Cases, and the putrid Distempers of a Camp.

twoud be an Act of Charity to relieve them by the Garrison on the Communication nearest to the Inhabitants where they may have an Opportunity of purchasing Cyder & Vegetables the only Means now left them of reestaolishing their Health & without which a great Part of them can never make another Campaign, for without this tis next to impossible that the Sick shoud ever recover, & the most healthy will be at best but miserable Invalids

the Hunters having left us now above a Month I have made it a Practice constantly to detach three or Four good Woodsmen on the Road to Venango & Presque Isle, with Orders to reconnoitre that Route with great Care to observe the Courses of the water in general & give a particular Attention to the Face of the Country -- this has

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been done, & they have reported nothing extraordinary all agreeing in Sentiment that the Road is very Mountainous & rough and as far as they can judge impracticable for Cannon, one of them a Soldier in my Company to'ther Day brought me back agreeable to his orders the inclosd Draught of that Road, which has nothing curious in it except that it was done by a Soldier in the Woods.

Ensign Crawford who properly belongs to this Post is still at Stony Creek with a miserable sickly Garrison. his Stay there is occasiond by the Sickness and Absence of Ensign Quicksall

You will observe from the Returns that we are in no Want of Provisions which I presume must constantly be the Case in any Garrison which may be happy enough to have their Dependence in that Respect on M^r Ourrey

the Jaundice seems to be epidemical here, I have had the Misfortune to be greatly afflicted this Winter with the Rheumatism, which is now succeeded by the Jaundice, to both of which I hope you will forever remain a Stranger.

I shall always while I have the Honor to Command here, with the greatest Pleasure do every Thing in my Power for the Interest of his Majesties Service & am w.th particular Regard

Sir

Your much obligd & most ob.^t humble Servant

T. LLOYD

Ligonier March 2^d 1759.

Col. Bouquet.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Lt. Col. Lloyd 2^d March
1759

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CAPT. RICHARD PEARIS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[P. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 85, A. L. S.]

[March 4, 1759.]

D^r Sir

You have the Monthly Returns by M^r Ourry, who I have sent them to, as I am informed you are gon to Philadelphia. I Beg leave to trouble you, to Indeavour to have my Indians Accounts Settled, which is in the hands of Cap^t Bozmouth, as I cant attend myself. I hope you wount think it two troublesome to see them adjusted and Settled.

The Men left in this Garrison wates Impatient untill the fifteenth of March when they will all abandon the Fort without their pay, there is maney of them at Fort Frederick that left this is Willing to return on hearing of their Money being Come, I hope at least you'll order the Present money here that I may be able to stop what I advanced by Your Order You'll see by the Return that there is Maney of them Deserted since I advanced to them and purhaps may Receive the whole money Below

I am

D^r Sir

your most Obedient and Most Hum^e Serv^t

RICH^d. PEARIS

Mar^h. 4th 1759

Coll: Bouquet

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Cap^t. Pearis March the 4th

[Addressed] To Coll. Hen^{ry} Bouquet at Philadelphia

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LIEUT. C. GRAYDON TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 87, A. L. S.]

Fort Lytleton 5th March 1759.

Sir

Inclosed are the Returns for the Month of February; of Transactions & Occurrences, of the State of the Garrison and of the Stores -- You'll pleas to observe by the latter that our Beef is all expended.

My Journall of Transactions commence the 25th January ult^o the Day I received your Orders, But I had begun to keep a Minute of every thing matterial that occur'd since I took the Command, whenever I arrived here, and as it may be of Service hereafter, it's intirely at your Command whenever you please to require it,

I have hitherto endeavoured to obey your Orders with the utmost Punctuality and shall still continue to do the same.

I have nought to add but am with the greatest Respect --

Sir's

Your most obedient humble servant

C GRAYDON Enⁿ: 2^d. B. P. R:^t

C[ol]^o B[ouquet]

P. S. There is a Quarter Cask of Wine in the Store not included in The Returns for which I can find no Owner [as] it ~~is~~ done does not (I am told) belong to the King.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Lieut.^t Gradon Fort Little-
ton 5th March

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LIEUT. THOMAS HUTCHINS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 88, A. L. S.]

Pittsburgh the 5th of March 1759.

Honour'd Sir

After asking forgiveness for Troubling you at this Time; Please to Permit me to Acquaint you of a gross Mistake that I have lately Committed in the Return sent down by M^r. Donnaly. On Comparing the inclosed Return with the one he has with him, the Mistake will Appear. As I am very Senceable that no Sufficient Excuse can be Offered in my Favour; for Committing so Monstrous a Blunder. I not only aske Ten Thousand Pardon's but beggs leave to Request that Colonel Bouquet, will be Pleased to favour me on this Ocasion; which will allway's be Esteemed the greatest Kindness that Possibly can be Expected. By

Sir

your Honours most Obedient Humble Servant

THO^s. HUTCHINS

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Lieut^t Hutchins 5th March

[Addressed] On his Majesty's Service To Henry Bouquet Esquire
Colonel in the first Battalion of the Royal American
Regiment Philadelphia

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MAJOR JOHN TULLEKEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 90, A. L. S.]

NewYork 5th March 1759.

Dear Sir:

I am favour'd with yours of the first instant, and am extremly glad to find that you are well and safe arrived at Philadelphia;

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I am sorry you did Not receive my letters sooner, That I did not forget you is most certain, and you may believe me, my dear sir, when I assure you I never can; The greatest pleasure I can form to myself while in this Country, is the hopes of serveing immediately under you. It is the thing I most wish and hope for, and I flatter myself that when you see Gen^l Amhurst, you will be able to bring it about;

That the Four Companies are in a miserable Condition wee have been told, and Gener^l Amhurst has been acquainted with it, But the manner in which he has been acquainted with it, is the manner in which you would have chose he should have been told it; He has been inform'd that you had nothing to do with them, that being second in command you were not with them, but with the army. And had wee told him that instead of being at the head of Four Companies, you was at the Head of the army, wee should have told him what wee believe to be true;

As Brigadier Stanwix intends writeing to you, I shall say nothing of Harding and Lander;

As to Barnsley I believe wee had better let him alone till wee see wither wee shall join or not, which in all probability you will soon know, as you will soon see General Amhurst; As to the deceased officers, The Method wee take is to order a Court Martial, which Court Martial takes an Inventory of their effects, dispose of them at publick sale, pay their debts, And remit the overplus to the agent in London, who pays it to their Heirs or assigns; This is properly my business as Major, But the Battalion being seperated in the Manner it is, I cannot be answerable;

Captain Mather has wrote me word that he wanted more money for the recruiting service, I have accordingly got three Hundred Pounds Sterling for him, but how to send it to him I know not. He must draw upon M^r. Abraham Mortier or me, for I cannot get a bill upon Philadelphia;

General Amhurst sent for me two days ago to know the strenth of the Four Companies. I told him I imagined they would want about one Hundred and Fifty to Compleat, He said he had had no return of them. I told him that it was Captain Hardings Fault; I believe, my dear sir, that it will be right to have a return for him when he gets to Philadelphia; Cap^t Harding has sent one to Brigd^r Stanwix, but I believe it is faulty, as he makes them to want but seventy Eight to Compleat, And the Commissary tells me he did not muster above sixty Five or thereabouts per Company;

Inclosed I send you a monthly return of the six Companies that was sent to Brigadier Stanwix;

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I am sorry to tell you that St John St Clair who was here some time ago, for a few days, is no friend to you; He speaks much, but is regarded very, Very little;

Our People have Leggings. I intended always that the should have been Blue, but wee could not have blue at Albany, so that wee have Green, tied with a red Garter;

As to the Light Infantry, now have no facings [... ...]
They are to have no facings;

I am with the Utmost respect

My Dear Sir,

Your very sincere friend

Very obedient & very hum.^{ble} Servant

JH.^O TULLEKEN

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Major Tulleken 5.th March

(March 6, 1759)

COL. HUGH MERCER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 92, A. L. S.]

Pittsburgh 6.th March 1759

Dear Sir,

M.^r Hutchins has for some weeks past imposed upon himself and upon me by making out Returns, it seems, without duely examining his Vouchers, by Which as well as by the Quantity in Store, it appears our Stock of Beef & Pork is surprizingly reduced from what we depended upon; That no further Mistake may be made I have had the Whole weighd, and it turns out agreeable to the Return which accompanies this. [... ...] I have nothing new since the 2^d Ins.^t from up the River; A Shawnese fellow who was sent to discover what French winterd at Yellow Creek and Muskingham returned

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yesterday, and tells Me that An Officer and twenty Men are at White Woman. The same Number at Sioto, that they have traded with the Indians for furr &c, and made them Considerable Presents; but are now packing up their Skins to return to Canada by the Wa, of De Troit. He could hear of no other Parties of the Enemy, on the Ohio, above the Falls. The Shawnese, where he has been, are equally surprizd and pleasd to find the English Treat the Indians & particularly their People with such kindness, and appear ready to fall into any Measures we please, so their barbarities are not retaliated,

I am
D^r Sir
Your most obed^t Serv^t

HUGH MERCER

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Col. Mercer 8th March

[Addressed] To Colonel Bouquet Phyladelphia

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EDWARD HUBBARD TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 94, A. L. S.]

Winchester March 9th 1759

Sir

I Rec^d from a Countryman -- Cap^t. Paynes Money -- and paid it to his Order.

The Virg^a Assembly have Voted the Recruiting this Reg^t to a Thousand. And I hear offer'd the Command to Col. W^m Byrd. Col Washington has Reciev'd the thanks of the House for his Services -- and is Resolv'd to have the Conduct of L^t Col Stephens examin'd, by the assembly intending to lay before them the many Crimes of which he is Accus'd -- which will (perhaps) Require All his Dexterity to Elude -- to which I leave them to Recreate myself with my Friends and shall Return with the pleasing expectation

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of Serving the next Campaign with you

I am

Sir

Your very Obed^t Humble Servant

EDWD HUBBARD

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] M^r Hubbard 9th March

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CAPT. GAVIN COCHRANE TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. LSS. 21644, f. 95, A. L. S.]

[Albany, March 10, 1759.]

Dear sir

I had the favour of yours of the 22^d of Feb: & Am glad to hear you Are come to Philadelphia, it gives us All great pleasure to think there Are Any hopes of the Battalion's once more joining. We Are sorry to hear that your Division has suffered so much: we have Also had our losses. We Ar so far Scattered that Capt. Schlosser & his Compy has been At Fort Miller All Winter, & about 4 weeks Ago he was reinforced with 50 more of our men. I send you inclosed A Return of the 6 Companies. I have formed the light Infantry so far As to Appoint One Serj^t, One Corp^{ll}, & 12 men from each of the Battalion Companies. I have nothing more to Add but that I am, with great Sincerity,

Dear sir,

your most Obed^t & most hu^{ble} serv^t

GAVIN COCHRANE

Albany March 10th 1759

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Cap^t Cochran 10th March

[Addressed] To Colonel Bouquet of General Stanwix's Battalion at A^d Philadelphia

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COL. THOMAS LLOYD TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 97, A. L. S.]

[Ligonier, March 10, 1759.]

Sir

in yours of the 12th past 'tis mentiond that the Remainder of Capt Claytons Detachment if demanded by Col Mercer was to march to Pittsburgh, and that the same was signifyd to the Colonel in your last No sooner had your Letter arrivd than by Express the Requisition was made, with which I shall comply on my Part and the Party will march Tomorrow after which the Strength of this Post will be Roy: Amer: Effective 30. Highla[nders] 120. Pennsylvanians 30, which if it is a Number sufficient for the Defence of so extensive Lines, is still far inferior to what we are generally supposd to have.

we are besides deficient in our first Compl^t of Officers of which there is a redundancy at Pittsburgh, one Ensign & Seven Men being detach'd from this Post to releive Ensign Quicksall & reinforce the sickly Garrison at Stoney Creek.

Yesterday arrivd here Ensign Hewes & Ensign Bard both off the Pennsylvanians on the Route to Pittsburgh "to releive who shoud please to be releivd by them," (for such was their Report to me) without written Orders or one Line from the Commanding Officer, as these Gentlemen seem to be quite supernumerary and in Want of Employment I shoud have been glad to have detain'd one of them at this Post but being at a Loss how to act in such a Case I sufferd them to proceed agreeable to the Caprice on which they first set out having had no particular Point in View they have been an Age on their March, & were detachd it seems by Col: Armstrong with whom 'tis not my Business to differ or to censure his Conduct

I must beg Leave further to observe that Col Mercer being in Want of a large Supply of Provisions great Part of which may probably pass by this Post & in separate Brigades that it will be next to impossible for me, from this weak & valetudinary Garrison to furnish the Escorts which the Season of the Year, Prudence, & the Good of the Service may require, since this Detail alone will be more than sufficient to keep the whole Garrison employd.

I am Sir with the greatest Respect

Your most obedient & very humble Servant

THO^s LLOYD

Ligonier March 10th 1759.

(March 11, 1759)

COL. ARTHUR MORRIS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 98, A. L. S.]

Philadelphia 11th March 1759.
past ten at Night

Sir

I was favoured with yours this moment and can only give for answer that during my Service I never knew an Instance of a Col.^o commanding in a Garrison where none of his Corps were quartered, nor can I imagine General Amherst intends any thing more by his Letter, than what relates to the Acc^{ts} &c^a of the late Expedition commanded by Brigadier Forbes.

You no doubt on that expedition must have commanded, had any Accident hapned to Brigadier Forbes being next to him in Rank; but in the Garrison of Philadelphia at present, I cannot submit to any Order You may take upon you to give.

I am with great regard

Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

ARTHUR MORRIS

Col: Bouquet

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Col. Morris 11th March

(March 12? 1759)

COL. ARTHUR MORRIS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 100, A. L. S.]

Philadelphia near two
in the Afternoon Monday.
[March 12? 1759.]

Sir

I this moment came from the Field of Exercise the Regiment having been under Arms, and found at my Lodgings a Card from you, and shall do my self the pleasure of waiting on you this afternoon at any hour & place you shall please to appoint: I shall also send your Card to Major Darby, and desire him to be with us, when I am informed of the hour & place you are pleas'd to fix upon, which pray let me know by the Bearer.

I am with regard

Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

ARTHUR MORRIS

[Addressed] To Colonel Bouquet.

(March 12, 1759)

LIEUT. THOMAS BARNSLEY TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 102, A. L. S.]

Albany the 12th March 1759

Dear Sir

I had a Letter last post from Major Tulleken, in Which he Acquainted me that Major Gen:^l Amherst was Made Colonel in chief to our Regiment and that M^r Calcraft was apointed our Agent again. As there has some Alterations been made in the Officers of our

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Battalion since I writ. to you last, I have inclos'd you a Return of them: I would also have sent you a Return of the strength of the six Companies, but Capt: Lochrane told me he would do it himself. The Major tells me that F. M^r Now is gone to Phila: to get the large Bouquet ready for the 4 Companies to the Southward: I therefore shall take it as a favour you would please to give Orders to the Gentlemen that has the paying of them to make such Stoppages as you may think Necessary from the Companies, that they may not interfere with any Other Acc^{ts}. Lieut: Basset has wrote to me about his Subsistence for the five Musters past, but as I do not know who has the paying of the 4 Companies, have desired him to get it from Capt: Mather till the Battalion joins which I hope will be soon, as I then may have an Opportunity of Adjusting Their Acc^{ts}.

There was a Scout went from Fort Edward: the 4th Ins^t Consisting of 300 Men Viz. Cap^t Willimoz 2 Sub^s & 120 men of Col: Prevost Battⁿ 2 Sub^s and 40 Men of the Royal Scots Fifty two Mohawk Indians the rest was Major Rogers and his Rangers: Lieut Brehm went by order of Gen^l Gage who gave him in writing what observations he was to make: they have sent word to Col: Maudslayi Command^t at Fort Edward that They fell in with a French Scout of 10 men five of which they Scalp'd the other five they have prisoners; the prisoners have told Them that there is a Scout of 50 Indians about Fort Edward and Saratoga. We Expect our Scouts Return Every day and of Course more News, which if it is anything worth while I shall communicate it to you pr Next post. My Kind Compliments to all our Gentlemen with you, and permit me

Dear Sir

To Assure you that I am with the Utmost Respect
Your Most Humble and Most Obedient Servant

THO^s BARNESLEY

13th since I wrote the Above there is an Express from Col^l Maudslayi to Gen^l Gage Acquainting him that Rogers had shew'd a small party at Ticonderoga which intic'd them out of the Fort and that he had fall'n upon them Kill'd 40 on the spot & taken five prisoners. The Loss on our Side was three Kill'd on the spot and one Indian Wounded. This Acc^t Rogers sent to Col: Maudslayi by one of his Rangers but the Scout is not come in yet.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Lieut Barnesley 12th March

[Addressed] To Colonel Henry Bouquet of the first Battalion Royal Americans at Philadelphia

(March 15, 1759)

MAJOR JOHN TULLEKEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 104, A. L. S.]

NewYork 15th March 1759.

Dear Sir.

I am much obliged to you for your Most kind and friendly favour of the 11th instant which I have had the pleasure to receive; I most sincerely condole with you for the loss of your friend in Brigad^r Forbes;

I am to acquaint you that it is Gener^l Amhursts and Brigad^r Stanwix desire that Lieuten^t Ourry comes to NewYork as soon as possible, that he may settle his accounts with Colonel Young who is expected here daily for that purpose; And you will be so good as tell M^r Ourry to bring with him all his Papers, so that the accounts of the 1st Battalion may at lenth be finished: Wee are told that Lieut^t Ourry is on the frontiers at Fort Bedford, but Brigad^r Stanwix tells me that he must be sent for and come notwithstanding.

General Amhurst consents to Captains Harding and Landers going out, and desires that you will be so good as to get and send their resignations to him, the sooner the better; The General has fixed the price that Companies are to be sold at. In old Regiments they are to be sold for Twelve hundred Pounds, in young Corps for Eleven hundred. And he has ordered a return to be given in of such Lieutenants and Ens^{ns} who are willing to purchase, which I should be glad you would send to me, that I may give it in to the Adjutant General;

The Companies are offered to the Eldest Lieu^t in the Regiment and so downwards, and this rule the General will not vary from -- however I believe there are but few that can purchase so that I think it not unlikely but one of them may come to M^r Bentinck who I am told intends to purchase;

Brigad^r Monckton arrived here from Hallifax on Munday last, And it is said that he is to be at Philadelphia. I am told that he is a very good natured man, but am quite a stranger to him; as yet no accounts from home, which surprises People much; I am with the Utmost respect

My Dear Sir

Your very Sincere friend

And very obed^t hum^ble Servent

JN^o TULLEKEN

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E: 3: The Packet is just arrived.

I have but just time to tell you that it is imagined the great army goes up the River St^t Lawrence. A Gentleman with me who has rec^d his letters tells me that Admiral Saunders was to sail from England the latter end of January for New York. I am just going to Brigd^r to know his fate -- Dow is just come in, and so great a hurry at the Post house he cant get as yet our letters. He tells Jocelyn is just arrived;

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Major Tulleken 15th March
1759

[Addressed] On his Majesties Service To Henry Bouquet Esq^r Colonel
Command^t at Philadelphia

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COL. HUGH MERCER: INDIAN INTELLIGENCE

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 106, C. S.]

Intellegence Rec^d the 17th of March at Pittsburgh 1759

Thom Bull the Indian Employ'd to Spy at the Lakes Arrived; he sett off from hence the 2^d Inst^t and in two Day's Reached Venango, Staid there that Night, Next Day got to Cushtolagas Town, and the Day after in the Evening Reached La Beef staid there one Night and went on with three French Men to Prescille next Day. At Prescille the Garrison Consists of two Officers two Merchants a Clark Priest & 103 Soldiers as near as he could Recken by Counting them in the Barrack's, for they were not Employed about any Work. The Command^r Officers Name is Durinol with whome Bull was formerly well Acquaint- ed and therefore not Suspected his of coming from us; He Treated him with great Openes's, and Told him that 30 Town's of the Waweackneus, Taways, Chipaway's, Tilmatineus, and, French, Mingoes had Engaged to Join the French and come to Warr here; he saw 1500. Warr Billets ready Prepared for their Ecquipment: he say's likewise (but whether the Officer told him, or he Understood it from any other Person I cant make out) that the Indian's Just Ready to sett off where stoped, by the Belts and Speeches sent among them from the English, and that they had resolved to Disist, till such Time as the came to Kiskiskas to here what we had said to the Delaware and their

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Resolution thereupon; by this they hoped were to be Guided, & if the found Peace Established, to take the Tomehock out of their Young Men's hands that yet inclined to the French, and follow the Example of their Grandfathers the Delawares, Accordingly a great Body 1500 of these over lake Indians were soon Expected to Arrive at Kiskiskas. The Officer~~s~~ Told him that he had a councill lately with the Mingo~~s~~, and Told them he was sorry to see one half of the Mingo~~s~~ Broak away to the English; he Adressed them to leave the English and come and sitt by his Fire as formerly.

They Replyed that the Took the Tomehock out of their Hands and Buried it; that the would do so by the English, and Advise both to Fight as formerly, over the great Water, without Disturbing their Country that they Might live in Peace with both, and that the English should return home, the French replyed the would go home when ever the English moved off.

Laburinol told him he had sent a belt to the Delaware Chiefs The Bever, Delaware George, and Cuttehegan to come and Counill with him; and by Bull's Acc^t they are Desired to set of about this Time. the first Fort is a Square with four Bastions Square Log Work No Platform's raised yet, so that the cant be Used, only a Small Platform in each Bastion, for a Centry, no Guns upon the Wall, but four, four, Pound Peaces lie in one of the Bastions not Mounted on Carreges. The Wall only Single Loggs, no Banket with nor no Ditch without, two Gates of an Equal Size about Ten feet wide, one Fronts the Lake about three hundre[d] Distance, the other the Road to La Beef. The Magazine is a Stone House covered with Shingles, and not sunk in the groun[d] Standing in the Right Bastion next the Lake, going to Prescile from La Beef; the other Houses Square Loggs, a Considerab[le] Quanty of Indian Good's but little Flour. 12 Battoes are every da[y] Expected to Arrive from Niagara with Provisions, the Lake being Open to within three hundred Yards of the Shore.

No body of French is Expected soon from Niagara, but about five hundred from a Fort on the N. side of Lake Eire in the Waweackneus Country (which I have formerly heard to be built of Ceder Stockaid's,) were to have come along with the Indians above Mentioned; and were still Expected to Prescile as soon as the Lakes was clear of Ice. There ware four Batto[es] at Prescile and no Works carring on but one small House in the Fort. He was requested to Stay, or Return soon as they great many Delawares ware Expected to be soon there to Council.

The Officer made him a Present of a pair of Stockings. On his Desire to know the Number & Situation of the English here Bull replyed that he had not been here since last fall that we first

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came, when a few staid, but he heard since from the Delaware that a great Number had since came up, and that the had Erected a fine Fort. Bull left that Place telling the French he was going to Moming to see his Father; and got to La Beef that Night, the Fort is of the same shape but very small, the Bastion's Stockades and Joined by Houses for the Curtain's the Logg's mostly Rotten, Platform's are Erected in the Bastions and Loop holes properly Cutt. One Gun is Mounted on one of the Bastion's, and Points Down the River. Only one Gate and that Fronting this Way on the sid Opasite the Cricke the Maggazine is on the Right of the Gate going in, Part of it sunk in the Ground, and above is some Casks of Powder to serve the Indians. here are two Officers a storekeeper a clark a Priest & 50 Soldiers, the Men not Employed. at La Beef are 24 Battoes, none of them maid lately and but one repaired lately; One Le Sambrow is the Commanding Officer: the have a larger Stock of Provisions here than at Priscile. He found at Wenango 2 Officers and 40 Men Le Marie Com^d: he does not know the state of their Provision, nor where their Powder is kept, but gives the same discription of the Fort as I Rec^d formerly, only two Battoes are at Wenango and two he heard had lately come there with Indian Good's The Ohio is clear of Ice at Wenango, and the French Creek is clear to La Beef; the Road is Broad from and good from Wenang to La Beef, and from thence to Priscile about half a Day's Journey is very low and Swampy and Bridged Allmost My whole way.

He heard no News at Wenango, only that two French men and two Chipaway's had gone from thence to take a Scalp at this Place, and that 26 Mingoes had Passed by that Place lately agoing to Warr against the Cuttabas.

Delaway George and the other fellow, Bull thinks will go to Priscile, but the Bever goes to the Forks of Siotas to Plant this Spring, and then return to live at Kiskiskas. French Creek Navigable for Battoes all Summer. Bull went from Wenango to Kiskaskas and there meat with some Taway's Chipways coming here, Accompani[ed] them. There are only two Men 2 Women and some Indian Children at Prescile, Taways, nor at La Beef and a few Delawares at Wenango Custateloga not at home. Some of the Works at Priscile is upon the decay and some Apears to be lately Done.

[In Col. Mercer's handwriting] The Above intelligence is copied very incorrectly; however, as nothing material is wrong inserted, and I am extreamly hurried, I hope Small errors will be passd over.

H. MERCER

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Indian Intelligence
17th March

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CAPT. RICHARD PEARIS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 108, A. L. S.]

[Fort Cumberland, March 17, 1759.]

Sir

With great satisfaction I Receiv'd your favour this Day & Read part of your Letter to the men in this Garrison indeavouring to let them kno the maney Disappointments you Laboured Under in Regard to the settling their affairs, which I have made them sensible of, and are Quite Satisfied untill your farther Orders is known, on the 15th I was Obliged to Confine 13 of the Men and on the 16th they Petitioned me for Releasment which I Granted on Promising they would stay till Your Letter Came. I this day Borrowed forty Pounds from Coll: Cresap to give them, which I believe will satisfie them untill I Receive further Orders if soon. They blame Coll: Dagworthy greatly for keeping their Present Money from them as they have Never Receiv'd one farthing of it yet I hope youl take care to Order it here that I may be able to make Stopages for what I have advanced for them

If the Men had got that Present money when Granted by the Province, I am Confident the cheafest Part of them would abeen here yet

Inclosed you have a Return of the strength of the Garrison. I am sorry to hear Gen^l Forbes illness state of health. I will use all Proper means to Continue the Men untill I Receive further Orders.

I have no News

I am

Sir

Your most Obedient Humble Serv^t

RICH^d PEARIS

Fort Cum.^d March 17th 1759

Coll: Bouquet

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P. S.

Sir,

I Relie on your Intrust in Regard to my Private Affair s.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Cap^t. Pearis 17th March

[Addressed] To Coll: Henry Bouquet In Philadelphia

(March 18, 1759)

COL. HUGH MERCER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 110, A. L. S.]

Pittsburgh 18th March 1759

Dear Sir,

As my Letters of the 17th Feby and of the 1st & 2^d Inst could scarcely fail of going safe to Phylad^e, I shall only observe, that the Intelligence lately brought of the Enemies force at the Lake &c differs widely from what those letters communicated.

Whether the Cold season, or dread of the Enemy, got the better of their Avarice I dont know, but None of the Indians could be prevaild on, to go up the River, till a Son of King Tidiuskungus, at an exorbitant Price undertook the Journey; He sett off the 2^d & returned yesterday, with the full & particular Account, you have inclosd.

The greater pa[r]t of his relation I hope is true, but this confidence shall not lessen the Vigilance & industry of the Garrison, for securing the Post. The Ditch & Glacis are now compleated on Mr Gordons Plan, Our Ammunition lodged Secure from a few Small Shells, and the Other Works recommended are going on briskly.

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I have seen or heard nothing of Speer and am under the Necessity of borrowing Money every where to carry on the Publick Work. The Indian Goods from the King's Store at Bedford arrivd safe, but prove a bad Assortment, and there is a necessity for taking of the Pedlars, such Articles as suit the Indians. They have brought a great many Skins & Furr & would return extreemly disgusted, were they not taken off their Hands; It is observed by them, that every Man that pleases brings goods here except the Government; and as every Species they call for may be carried on horses the objection has some weight.

I inclose you Shinga's Speech to me, every part of his conduct shows the Same Attention to the Interests of his Trade; He appears very hearty in our Interest, but infinitely more [avaritious?] than the Beaver.

His Skins & Furr are now laid out, much to his Satisfaction; About Sixty Indians of different Tribes are now here, a Trading, which in my opinion adds weight to Bulls Intelligence. Three Chipways from over the Lake have come lately; and Shingas assures me that All the Indians in allance with the Delawares are determined to bury the French Hatchet, as they have done.

Notwithstanding our diligent Search, No Guns &c have been yet discovered, a little Way down the Ohio, we Grapple somewhat, but in very deep water & where the Current is most impetuous, so that Our Labour is in vain for some time. The Scurvy begins to appear, and the Measles, a commodity brought us from the S^o Branch, spreads very much in the Garrison, but does not prove Mortal. Hutchins is very ill of that Disorder.

Vinegar or Hard Cyder would be extreemly usefull for Such of the Men as have the Scurvy. I could wish encouragement was given to Sutlers to bring these Articles, but if they are allowd their full demand, the Soldiers cant Smell to them.

Garden seeds we have none, Nor proper Hooks & Lines to catch the Catfish that now make their Appearance, As to a Seine I dispair of having one, tho it would save the Article of Beef &c greatly.

We can finish no more Battoes till a Supply of Pitch comes up, what was sent being one half mixed up with Dirt, & rendered useless.

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The Battoes And other Work have gone on heavily for want of another blacksmith. Two could be kept in full employ^{mt}. I am told we run the Risk of being dislodged by Another Enemy as effectually as by the Franch, that is the Rising of the Monongahela in the Spring -- but this I dread to mention lest you suspect that I take a pleasure in sending frightfull stories down the Country.

I am
D^r Sir
Your most obed Serv^t

HUGH MERCER

Col Bouquet

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Col. Mercer 18. March

[Endorsed] [Mercer] Pittsburg,

(March 20, 1759)

LIEUT. ARCHIBALD BLANE TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. N., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 112, A. L. S.]

[Ligonier, March 20, 1759.]

Sir

Having an Oportunity to get a little Money for my Bill upon you, I though I thought it most advisable to embrace it, as by means thereof I am capacitated to serve the Men und-r my Care; I've Therefor drawn upon you, (not knowing the Paymaster to our 4 Compie^s.) for Sixteen pounds Currancy in favor of Ja^s Calhoon. If any more Money is to be had here I shall continue to draw from time to time, as the Doctor asures me it will be of Service to the Men, the little that they can purchase here with their Subsistance.

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I am sorry I cant say so much for the Health of my Men as in my last, as near 1/6 of my Detachment is at present sick. that being the Case I must beg you to look again at my last Letter if you have not already complied with my Request.

Whishing you good health concludes me

Sir

Your most Obed^t Serv^t

ARCHI^d BLANE

Ligonier March 20 1759

Serj^t Swarts and Forchet are both Dead.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Lieut Blane

[Addressed] To Henry Bouquet, Esq^r Colonel in the Royal Amerⁿ Reg^t
York Town.

(March 21, 1759)

COL. HUGH MERCER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 114, A. L. S.]

Pittsburgh 21st March 1759

Dear Sir,

Yesterday I receivd the very great satisfaction of your Letter of the 9th Int, with the Commander in Cheifs orders, which do me infinite honour.

His Excellency Gen^l Amherst may rest Assured, no opportunity of annoying the Enemy, this Way, will be omitted; and that

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any Enterprize that appears equal to our Force, will be entered upon by the Officers & Soldiers of this Garrison, wth a Zeal & Alacrity becoming those, who possess a share of that ardour, which, at this glorious era, universally animates the subjects of His Majesty.

I have nothing material since Bull returned, my letter of the 18th containing his Intelligence, I hope will reach you expeditiously: Two Officers, att their own Request, Bull & a Soldier or two, sett off for Venango to day: by their Report I shall be determined.

Speer is come up with the Cash, but has lost a Letter from General Forbes to Me. These few good days revive our Sick much.

Shingas and his gang went home well satisfied. Pray what am I to do in relation to Captives that come here with Indians and show an Inclination to stay? May we not interfere. The Country People solicit me to purchase their freinds, but that method I detest, as most dishonourable.

We were just out of Beef & Pork, when a supply from Logonier arrived Yesterday, I keep some hunters and a Battoe up the Monongehela, that send me fresh Provisions sufficient to supply the Officers & Sick & often goes further. This Scheme I propose continuing, for Indians bring us none these Six Weeks, They are trapping for Beaver.

Our Pensylv^a Officers, I hear, are one half resigning, to follow the Army next Campaign as Sutlers & Pedlars; I cannot help, as I am a Party concernd, giving my opinion, that the Quartermaster of the Army Should prevent such Verrmin from coming up, & save a Blush to such Officers of our Corps, as chuse to serve their Country from motives they dare avow. Peace be to the [Stars?] of General Forbes: his name, for ages to Come, will be dear to Americans, and appear with Lusture, among cotemporary Worthies, in the British Annals.

I am

Dear Sir

Your most obed humble Serv^t

HUGH MERCER

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Col. Mercer 21st March

(March 28, 1759)

MAJOR JOHN TULLEKEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 118, A. L. S.]

NewYork 28.th March 1759.

Dear Sir.

I send you by the Corporal of the 55th, who was sent here with the French Prisoner, John Brewer a deserter from our Battalion, and Captain Schlossers Company; He was taken up a few days ago in the Jersies, and tells me that he deserted about a month ago from his Company;

It is General Amhurst orders that he be tried by a Regimental Court Martial, and not a general one: He made use of the inclosed as a furlough;

I am sorry to tell you that your Ensign M^cIntosh has behaved himself so very badly lately that you will not see him again;

I hope to be with you soon, but cannot tell you how long it may be first. General Amhurst keeps me here, I believe it is that I may be here when Col. Young arrives, and we expect him daily;

I also send up with the Corp^l of the 55th Lieuten^t Wilson and Ensign M^cIntosh's servants;

The Four Companies are on their march this way, so that I hope you will see them in about a Fortnight or three weeks at Albany.

It is said that General Hopson is dead:

I beg to be remember'd to all the Gentlemen.

I am with the Utmost respect

Dear Sir,

Your very Obedient and very humble Servant

JN^O TULLEKEN

There was but two letters by the last Packet for our Battalion, one for L^t Guy the other I think was for the Four Companies.

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RETURN: 3rd DIVISION ROYAL AMERICAN REGIMENT

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644. f. 117, D. S.]

A Monthly Return of the 2^d Division, of y^e

		Officers Present							
		Commission				Status			
Companies		Colonel	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Adjutant	Quarter Master	Surgeons Mate	Drummers
Captains	Colonel Henry Bouquet	"	"	1	"	"	"	1	3 2
	Ralph Harding	"	1	1	"	"	"	"	3 1
	Francis Lander	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	2 1
	Thomas Jocelyn	"	1	"	1	"	"	"	4 2
	Total	"	2	3	2	"	"	1	12 6

Absent ----- Officers.

	Since what time
Col: Bouquet at Philad ^a	at Philad ^a 20 th febr ^y
En ^s Du Plances; On Com: at Louisburg Halifax	25 th July 1758
Lt: Gury On Com: at fort Bedford Philadelphia	14 th Sept ^r D ^e
Lt: Ryder & } Taken Prisoner Near }	6 th Jan ^y 1759
Lt: Jenkins } Fort Pittsburg - - }	28 th febr ^y D ^e
Lt: Blane, On Com: at fort Bedford Ligonier	18 th March D ^e
Serj: Jocelyn, On Furlough at Philad ^a	
Cap: Lander Recruiting -----	
Lieut Stewart }	
Ens: Pfister } Not joined yet	

En: Will^m Leslye, is Apointed to Cap: Jocelyns Company -----
 Lt: Marten ----- to Cap: Hardings Comp^y -----
 Serj: { Byerly, of Col: Bouquets Comp^y } On Com: at fort Bedford.
 { Swartz, of Cap: Hardings Comp^y }
 Serj: Forchet of Cap: Landers Comp: Sick at fort Ligonier
 Serj: Horn of D^e Comp: Recruiting
 Drum: { Collins of Cap: Landers Comp^y On Com: at fort Bedford
 { Rinhard of Cap: Hardings Comp^y Recruiting

(March 24, 1759)

1th Battⁿ, of y^e Royal American Regiment
Yorktown y^e 24th March 1759.

Rank and File							Wanting to Compleat to the Establishment			Since Last Return						
Present for Duty	Sick Present	Sick in y ^e Hospitals	On Command	Recruiting	On Furlough	Total	Serjeants	Drummers	Rank and File	Recruited	Recom ^d to Chelsea	Dead	Deserted	Discharg'd	Joyned	
															Serjeant	Drummer
58	7	8	12	"	1	86	"	"	14	5	"	1	1	"	"	5
63	6	1	13	"	1	84	"	"	16	3	"	1	"	1	"	3
56	6	6	14	3	2	87	"	"	13	2	"	"	"	"	"	2
57	6	5	15	1	1	85	"	"	15	6	"	1	"	"	"	6
234	25	20	54	4	5	342	"	"	58	16	"	3	1	1	"	16

Vacant Officers & by what Means.

By whose Leaf & for what time	Months	
Brig. ^{rs} Gen ^l Forbes and d ^o d ^o d ^o		L^t Billings & } Kill'd Near Fort En^s Rohr - } Pittsburg y^e 14th 7br 1759. L^t Ray, Died the 18th Octo^r D^o L^t Evans, Kill'd Near Fort Ligonier the 12th Novem^r D^o L^t Hess Died at Lancaster

the 7th March 1759.
the 23th March 1759

R. HARDING

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Return 2^d Div. R.A.R.
1st Battⁿ 24th March

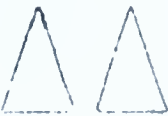
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CAPT. RICHARD PEARIS: DIMENSIONS OF BRIDGE

[B. M., Add. M33. 21644, f. 119, A. D. S.]

Fort Cum.^d March 31st 1759

A Return of the Dementions of a Bridge to be made over Mill's Creek supposed to be sufficient to stand any flood. With the Dementions of two Connewe's already made for the use of his Majesty's Service at this Garrison.

	Feet	Inch ^s
The length of the Bridge	270	
The N ^o of Pillers is 6 Each Piller --	24	
and -----	12	
The High -----	20	
The form of y ^e Pillers to be filled with stone 		
The length of the large Connew is	29	
The Width is -----	2	6
The Depth is -----	1	7
The length of the Small Connew -----	20	
The Width -----	1	9
Depth -----	1	5

If it's thought Proper to be ordered made by these Dementions I think it will stand any Flood & will be of the utmost Service for Carrage's Passing for Pittsburg both from Virginia & Maryland and in particular this Garrison as Timber is very inconvenient to be got any other place then by Crossing Mill's Creek, some People on their Return from Pittsburg has been oblig'd to stay here this 4 Days on account of the Creek being so high and Rapped that y^e Connew Could not Cross and likely to stay severall days longer without Swimming their horses, one horse was Drowned Yester Day attempting to swim it.

RICH^d PEARIS

(April 1, 1759)

COL. THOMAS LLOYD TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 120, A. L. S.]

[Ligonier, April 1, 1759.]

Sir

I was favor'd wth yours of March 9th and have inclosd the Returns for that Month -- the Decrease off the Pennsylvanians is so obvious that I hardly need to mention it -- their Condition so deplorable for the most Part that I cannot describe it -- the Person left here as Surgeons Mate to the second Batt is sick himself and incapable of Service which makes it necessary that the Surgeon himself or some Body else should be sent up as soon as possible to attend the Sick of the Pennsylvanians, the Mate of the general Hospital tho extreamly assiduous not considering that Detail altogether as a Principal Part of his Duty

If there is any Money for the Pennsylv^s who have not been paid these Six Months, 'twoud be very kind to send some as the Officers here have been obligd to engage their Credit largely during the Winter for necessarys to Men of different Companys without which they must have perish'd

the Severity with which the Officers of the regular Service at this Post insist on the few Effective Pennsylvanians doing Duty for their whole Number is an additional Calamity, since By that means from the insupportable Fatigue their Spirits are exhausted and their Health entirely ruin'd. Whatever may be my Fate I am content but I beg Sir you will permit me to press you for a Releif or a Reinforcement of the Garrison

I have sent two Convoys of Pork to Pittsburg one of Eighteen another of 32 Horses, taken from the Sutlers, and escorted by a Subalterns Command -- the Remainder in Store being barely sufficient for two Weeks at half Allowance will put it out of my Power to send any more. I rec'd by the returning Horses a Quantity of Indian Meal from Colonel Mercer so greatly damnified that but Seven Hundred and fifty Six W^t was judg'd to be wholesome & fit for Use by a Court of Inspection

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Agreeable to Col. Mercer's request for 50 Men in Consequence of your last Letter, I sent the effective Remainder of Capt Claytons Detachment in Number Twenty -- and one Subaltern, the other Fifteen for the whole were but 35 were then in the Hospital, I at the same Time assur'd him that they should do no Duty here and be sent to him immediately on their Recovery, but that in the mean Time as they were a particular Detachment order'd purposely by you for Pittsburg, and my Orders from you always refer'd to that Detachment only, I did not by the Custom of the Service esteem myself oblig'd to replace them, nor woud the present State of this Garrison admit off it Since this I have rec'd from the Col a Letter intimating his Surprise that I had not sent the full Complement and his Intention in Case of an Accident to exculpate himself at my Expence -- yet without any Warmth and with his usual Politeness. I intended it for the best if I have done wrong I am very sorry for it and wish nothing more than to rectify it -- to that Purpose shall be glad to receive the Honor of your Commands -- this Detachment will account for the extraordinary Difference of the Pennsylvanians Number since last Return

during the Course of the Winter I found myself oblig'd to take into the Store a Quantity of Spirits for the Labourers the Sick & the Guards (who were by your Orders to me to be allow'd a Dram) off this I gave the Owners a Certificate addressed to Mr Ourrey, and was surpriz'd a little Time after to see the Certificate returned with the Answer "that he could not pay for it and did not know whether any Body else woud" as it happen'd to be Whisqué which was prohibited. I beg Leave to observe that this Whisqué was permitted to come by Mr Ourrey himself after that Prohibition, which Thing furnish'd me Cause to think that the Order relative to it was withdrawn that it was certainly expedient for the Health of the Men, at least for their Encouragement, and the only Reward they receiv'd for their Labor -- and that when I purchas'd that as Rum was to be had, in Case I am oblig'd to pay for that Liquor myself there is nothing except drinking it, which I can esteem a greater Hardship -- at present we have no Liquor in the Store except Ten Gallons of Rum which I have order'd in Since at my own Risque induc'd by meer Compassion for the Sick to whom alone it is serv'd, and to this Want of that Refreshment perhaps the extraordinary Sickness at present may in some Measure be owing

I have rec'd from Dr Monro a List of the Sick off the Garrison which absolutely ought to be sent to Bedford dated March

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21st and containing 38 to which he adds that a great many more are infected with the Scurvy, and will very soon be unfit for Duty -- but for Want of Horses they cannot be sent. I have sent the Seine to Pittsburg, where there is great Plenty of Fish, and am with the greatest Esteem

Sir

Your most obligd, ob^t and very humble Servant

T. LLOYD.

Ligonier April 1.st 1759

P S I have furnish'd the Expresses with Money this particularly with 30/ for the present & given them Expectations of being paid their Expences & for their Trouble.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] L^t Col. Lloyd 1st April

(April 2, 1759)

TRADERS: INSTRUCTIONS TO BENEDICT DORSEY

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 122, L. S.]

Phil.^a April 2.^d 1759

Friend Benedict Dorsey

Coll.^o Henry Bouquet having been so kind as to offer us his assistance by means of the Kings Horses to transport the Goods /now under thy Care/ on to Pittsburgh -- We desire thou wilt ~~X~~ accommodate the Packages as nearly as possible for such kind of Carriage as may be most convenient & proceed with them on to Pittsburgh, & on thy arrival there, if George Allen the Agent who is now preparing for his Journey shou'd not be arriv'd, apply to the Commanding Officer to appoint a Place to deposite & keep the Goods in till said

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Allen appears who we hope will be there by the time thou can reach it.

We are thy assured Friends

JOHN REYNELL

WILL^m FISHER

ALOS STRETTLL

JUS MORRIS

THO^S WILLING

If it is necessary to alter the present Package of the Goods we desire thou wilt take particular Care it is done so as to prevent any damage on the Way.

[Addressed] To Benedict Dorsey at Fort Loudoun

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TRADERS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

no. 1., coll. no. 21654, f. 124, L. 9.]

Child.^a 2^d April 1757.

Col.¹ Henry Bouquet,

Tho^s. Willing one of our Board having communicated to us thy Kind & seasonable offer, For Transportation of the Goods now at Fort Loudoun on to Pittsburgh, by the Kings Horses at the usual hire & Expence, we very thankfully accept said Offer, and herewith inclose a Letter to our Clerk directing him to proceed with said Goods.

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Our new Agent being now here, we make no doubt will reach Pittsburgh, about the time said Goods can be delivered there, and prevent Coll^d Mercer the trouble which with Pleasure & Gratitude we observe he was willing to have undertaken for the Publick Service.

We are Respectfully,
Thy Assured Friends,

JOHN REYNELL

WILLIAM FISHER

JOS. MORRIS

THO^s WILLING

AMOS STRETTELL

[Addressed] To Coll^d Henry Bouquet.

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COL. HUGH MERCER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 126, A. L. S.]

Pittsburgh 4th April 1759

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 18th March, which I receivd yesterday, gave me, I must own, a sensible Concern, as it seemed to hint at your removal from this frontier.

I cannot easily relinquish the hopes I had flattered myself with of passing another Campaign under your Command, and experiencing repeated Instances of Candour & indulgence to small errors; The memory of these will however remain, and tho my letters may not

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purse & persecute you, yet a thousand warm, tho Silent wishes,
for your honour & happiness will never be wanting.

Since my Letter of the 1st Inst, nothing worthy of Gen^l
Stanwix had happened here, I shall immediately prepare to lay
before him a state of this Garrison & Stores of every Species.

The Detachment of Royal Americans in Garrison here, marches
to-morrow for L. Truier.

The Indian bull is gone up the River, once more, to learn
the Numbers of the French Indians, or other reinforcements, if any,
since our last intelligence; I shall send some Men on that side the
Ohio upon discovery Likeways.

The Garrison have not suffered in the least for want of
Provisions, the Sick have fresh Venison chiefly, the Greens begin
to be of much Service, and with the help of your Seine, We have the
Variety of fish. The Seine is not adapted to this River, it is too
shallow, and having been ill kept, the cords and mesh of the network
is Rotten.

Capt Robertson has the Measles, but is in a fair way of
recovery, Not one has died of that Disorder.

I am

Dear Sir

With the most perfect Esteem

Your most obedient humble Serv^t

HUGH MERCER

Col. Bouquet.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Col. Mercer 4th April

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COL. HUGH MERCER: EXTRACT FROM HIS JOURNAL

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 224B, A. D. S.]

Extract from my Journall 5th April 1759

Two Captives, taken by the Wiandots, about twelve Mo. ago, from Green Bryer in Virginia, came here: They lived with the Indians, at their Town, eight miles up the east side of the Huron River. This River is about three quarters of a Mile broad, the navigation up from the Lake quite easy & safe, some Islands, but no Rocks nor Shoals: Fort de Troit, is situated about a Mile higher up on the West side of the River, just in sight of the Wiandot Town: It is a Square without Bastions, no ditch round it, and the Stockades are old & Rotten. They have no Artillery mounted, but four Guns, lie in One of the Houses.

About fifty french families live along the River below the Fort and twenty above it; 400 Soldiers have been Stationed there, but at present there are only 200, which is generally the strength of the Garrison, they are poorly Supplied, the French farmers living much as the Indians do being Canadian. The Land is not fertile, A little wheat is raised on the River bank, but the Cattle are often Killed by the Indians.

The Wiandot Town can furnish 200 fighting men and several Mingo & Taway Towns are Scattered up & down the River.

They never heard of any other Fort on that side Lake Erie, nearer than Niagara.

These Captives crossd Lake Erie in November last to hunt with their Masters, and about the Midle of Winter, hearing that the English were in possession of this Place, determined to leave the Indians before their Return home.

The Indians are generally disposd to make peace, but are kept back by the Insinuations of the French, that we come to rob them of their Lands and cut their Throats.

The Indians are three days in crossing the Lake, keeving near the Shore, all the way, and frequently when Squalls come on,

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putting ashore: They never trust their Canoes, on the middle of the Lake which it seems it very subject to be suddenly raised by squalls of Wind.

HUGH MERCER

[Endorsed] Report of two Prisoners taken by the French Indians

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LIEUT. RUDOLPH BENTINCK TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 128, A. L. S.]

Yorck Town the 8th Ap^l 1759

D^e Coll:

It is impossible for me to Send an exact account of the Blankets, and Shoes received out of the Kings Store at Ligonier, Cap^t Lander not being here. Lt Philins knows nothing about it, nor Cap^t Harding neither. I gave you the receipts of them, and you had them drawn by Serj^t Kemp in one Sheet of Paper, along with all them of the different Corps.

Cap^t Lander told us before he went away, that he received 100 Pounds from Cap^t Gordon, but that Lieut^t Billings deducted it out of his abstract for the month of June, which is all I know about it: Inclosed is a return, of which I hope you^l aprouve, or otherwise Corect it, and let me have it again, to Serve as a Model: The officers killed, and death being mentioned in the last return, was by Cap^t Hardings order. You mention that the men Joined Since last return, are only to be put down, from one return to another. I am verry much mistaken, if you find it otherwise in the returns. You will also find a Small return in which I have distinguish'd the non Effectives with their names on the back of the return, as also the Men left Sick in the Hospitals before the last Campaign.

A few days after you left us, Cap^t Harding Sent a waggon to Carlisle for our arm Shest, which we have got, but no Tents yet, Cap^t Harding who is gone to recruit there Yesterday, has promised that

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he will Send them immediatly, and then if we new Wat Sort of Camp Kettles we are to have, we might take the worst of them, to make kettle bags. M^r Ralfe Sett out Wednesday last for Fort Cumberland, he left with me a receipt^t of 150 Pounds; I was very Certain when I Sent Cap^t Landers Resignation that you would be Surprised at it, and you would have been a great deal more So if you had Seen his letter, in which he desires me to apply to you, for a discharge for one of his Serj^{ts}, one of his Corp^{ls}, and three of the best men of his Company, with an offer to pay 20 £ Currency for each of them, in order to Carry them to Charles Town.

I am very Sensible of the great loss, which the Provinces which the Provinces will Sustain by the death of the Princess Gouvernante, it will undoubtedly make a vast alteration, in the Publick affairs, and I hope that in these present Conjonctures, it may not Prove of Some unhappy Consequences.

My best Compliments to M^{rs} Starling, Miss Ketty Shippen, and all the Willing Family, and tho I Can not be with them; I Can not help thinking of them very often. Recommending miSelf in the Continuance of your freinship, I am with great respect.

D^r Coll:

Your Most Obedient and Most Humble Serv^t

RUDOLPH BENTINCK.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Bentinck

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MAJOR JOHN TULLEKEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 130, A. L. S.]

NewYork 15th April 1759.

My dear Sir,

I am infinitely obliged to you for your kind letter of the 12th instant. The loss of my poor Boy was a blow upon me indeed. I shall get the better of it and serve the Campaign with pleasure;

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I fear I was rather too precipitate in my application to quit the service at such a time, and that it has done me no good with our worthy Brigad^r, and if this should be the case it will be a very great affliction to me;

I shall take all the care I can in regard to the accounts with Curry and Col. Young. And I hope to set about them tomorrow; I introduced M^r Strodman to the General, and recommended him strongly. The General told me that he should remember him, And desired that he might go into some one of the other Battalions. I have accordingly told him to go 1st to the Fourth Battalion. And think that your writeing a line to Col. Haldiman or the Baron will be of great service to him, and I shall make mention of him to Col. Townsend;

I inclose you a Pocket Book, and have sent the Brigad^r one, they are just come from England, And I thought would be usefull. You will honour in accepting of it.

My dear Sir,
Your much obliged friend
And very obed^t hum^{ble} Serv^t

JN^o TULLEKEN

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Major Tulleken April 1759

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COL. THOMAS LLOYD TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 131, A. L. S.]

[Ligonier, April 21, 1759.]

Sir.

Your Favor of 13th April this Minute came safe to Hand
am extreemly obligd to you for the Promise of a Surgeon whose
Assistance is much Wanted

Col: H Bouquet

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the Money we must wait for with Patience and the Butlers be content to trust us a little longer

the Duty shall be regulated for the Future agreeable to your Orders which will at once be both an Act of Justice and a great Relief

the Bullocks have past this Post and are all arrivd safe at Pittsburg -- from a Scarcity of Provisions occasiond by a large Supply sent from hence to Pittsburg I found myself under a Necessity of taking Two of the first and as many of the second Convoy which nothing shoud have inducd me to do contrary to your Pleasure but the apprehensions of our Starving before the next supply of which Danger I had all the Reason in the World to beleive you ignorant when that order was given

the Vinegar you are kind enough to mention being almost a specific against the Scurvy, is at least the best Antidote you can send. I am so far convinc'd of this that I had written to Colon: Byrd from whom I had the Honor of a Line the 16th instant to request he wou'd send some

I beg Leave to acknowledge your Services with Regard to the Whisqué, and shall for the future serve out the Rum allowd to the Men, with all the Frugality consistent with the Good of the Service

the Garden recommended is already in Hands I wish it was in my Power to compleat the Dam with equal Ease, but am sorry to say that the Floods have swept it all away so that not a Trace remains of it.

I shall spare no Pains in Regard to the Planks but having only a very few Sawyers here, shall be able to make but a slow Progress

as soon as it is possible the Waggon shall be repaired & ready for Service.

the Deficiency of Geers &c, will be a Work of some little Time to discover, but shall be done with all possible Dispatch and a Return sent you

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I had in the Beginning of Winter orderd the Collar Maker of the Royal Artillery to overlook these Things and repair what could be repaired and take proper Care of the Rest; this he has in some Measure done he shall be employ'd again and his Opinion sent you

The Relief of the Highlanders can't anticipate their Wishes - and the Generals Resolution of relieving the Frontier Garrisons is not only quite humane but most expedient for the Good of the Service.

it gives me the greatest Pleasure to hear that the first Batt of Royal Americans is destin'd for this Expedition as it gives us a Prospect of your being restor'd to us, whom we look'd upon as lost with the greatest Regret

tis necessary to observe to you that we have no Millwrights ~~here~~ or any Body experienc'd in the building of Mills here, and should be glad you woud send some Body to direct us

I also beg Leave to do Justice to the Merit of Lt Campbell who march'd from hence with a Command of Twenty Five Men and a Convoy of Eighteen Bullocks, & having been attack'd by a Party of Indians on the 16th instant between this Post and Pittsburg, with equal Bravery and Prudence preserv'd the whole Cattle (which were of the utmost Importance to his Majesties Service) tho desert'd by one half his Party

a few Days since a Party of Sick were surpriz'd on their Way to Bedford escorted by a Corporal and Eight, who trott off his whole Party & left the Sick to the Mercy of the Enemy Eleven are kill'd or missing in this Affair -- the Corporal is confin'd and shall remain so till further orders from the General

besides which one Soldier hunting Horses was scalp'd one taken and Five of Mr Welsh Gutler's People carried off Captives by the Enemy. I detach'd a Subalterns Party in Pursuit after them on every Occasion but without Success, Lt Miles has been particularly active. I shall proceed with all the Dispatch in my Power in the Affairs recommended by you & am

Sir with the greatest Regard
Your most obt^h humble Servant

THO^s LLOYD

Ligonier April 21st 1759.

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dead in Hospital Since April 1.st

1 st	Batt. Penns:	-	12
2 nd	Batt	- -	4
	total		16

P S tis said the Place chosen for the Dam is improper Capt
Morgan arrivd 10.th inst^t

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Lieut Col. Lloyd 21.st
April, receiv'd the 28th d.^o at night

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COL. HUGH MERCER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 133, A. L. S.]

Pittsburgh 24th April 1759

Dear Sir,

It is with no small pleasure that I resume a correspondence with you, which I had reason to fear was at an end.

Your letter of the 13th Inst I receivd the 22^d in the morning and have detain'd the Express in hopes of the return of a Spy which I look'd for today; 'tis probable that no great force is at Venango, in which case he was to proceed to priscile; Another Reason of his delay may be the late unexpected Stroke from some of his Countrymen the Delawares, a relation of which you have inclosd, taken from two Captives, who were brought here by the lingoos at Shenango, the 22^d.

Having blank paper I thought proper to send the General some account of the Enemies Post, De Troit, given me by two sensible Captives, who lately made their Escape from that Quarter.

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Sir and Hint in your last with regard to another place for a Post, I have viewd Chartres Hill in Company wth Capt^t Robertson & M^r Wright; We agree that scarcely a finer Spot for the Purpose could be wishd, every Circumstance conspiring to render the Place, Strong, convenient, healthfull and pleasant; Drafts of it are enclosd.

Excellent Coal, and Lime stone, contiguous to each other, have been lately discovered within a Mile of the Monongehela, almost opposite to Pittsburg, the Conveyance to the River easy, just now, for Pack horses. It is probable that Tarr may be made here, And one of the Soldiers, understanding the method it shall be attempted immediatly.

Should Chartres Hill be fixed on for a Post, a quantity of Iron Chain will be requisite, for drawing up water, wood &c, either by Cranes or Windlasses. If it is judged proper to fortify the Point on the Ruins of Du Quesne, a foundation of Brick or Stone must be raisd, several feet above its present level, the Ohio in its late rise, being all over the Plain where the Barracks stood, and covering, as I heard, the floor of the fort. 'Tis certain the french were once obliged to abandon it, and glad to escape to the high Grounds in their battoes.

As we have hitherto suffered nothing from Scalping Parties, that infest the Communication, I beg leave to refer you to Col. Lloyds history of their Adventures.

The Indians of Custalogoos Town, cheifly Delawares are it seems, still in the French Interest, such of that tribe as lye contiguous to us, I have no reason to beleive perfidious, but will not undertake to answer for their future behaviour.

I wrote to Col Byrd, on his requiring Returns of this Garrison, that Driving the Enemy beyond the Lake would give him a fortnights employment, but retract that Opinion, if the French Indian Interest be on a good footing this way.

Many Delawares, and other Indians, will join us as soon as a proper force appears on the Ohio, unless we begin to squabble too soon about the Captives, who are civilly treated at present.

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I am sorrey to say that some of the troops, on falling in with the Enemy have of late behaved in a most scandalous manner; which may require examples of Severity, and induce the General to give proper powers, for that Purpose, if his Excellency, as we have been told, does not propose being up with the Army himself.

The releiving such of this Garrison as are in health, or recovering fast, I presume, will rather be detrimental to the Service; The Officers I am convinced will not chuse to return to the settlement before the Campaign ends, and as our Men may perform easy duty here, it will be infinitely more eligible than permitting them to riot in the Country, where duty, discipline, and every thing that is Valuable in a Soldier, is soon forgot, when from under the Eye of his Officer.

To oblige the Troops to march to the Settlements, to be fitted out for the ensuing campaign, appears to me extreamly hard -- but that I am well satisfied is neither the Generals nor your Intention.

Should the Spy bring any thing new, it shall be immediatly communicated.

I am

Dear Sir

Your most obedient humble Serv^t

HUGH MERCER

P S. I have lately cleard the fort of all our Sick, and made a number encamp out, which has an evident good effect on the health of the Whole

Col Bouquet

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Col. Mercer 24.th April
1759

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REPORT OF TWO PRISONERS TAKEN BY INDIANS

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 224A, D. S.]

[Pittsburgh, April 24, 1759.]

Robert and Jacob Pearsons Horse drivers belonging to John Welch arriv'd with some Mingo Indians at Pittsburgh the 24th day of April 1759. And brings the following Accounts. Viz^t

That on Fryday the 6th instant about 12 O'Clock at night, they with three other Persons near Fort Legonier at the Four Mile Run was taken Prisoners, by Eight Delaware Indians. Commanded by one Peter; another of the Party called himself Bill. Set off that night for the Branches of Kiskemenetus Creek and Cross'd them about fifteen Miles above where they Join. Then Continued their Course for Venango, and Cross'd the Ohio near 30 Miles above the mouth of Kiskemenetus where they were Join'd by a French Officer, Two Cadits, one Serjeant, One Private: And 8 Delawares, and One Shawmee Indian who went by the name of Captain John. Cutfinger Peter who Commanded the whole after enquiring about the Strength of Pittsburgh and Legonier said he intended to War against the English this Summer and would burn all the Prisoners that he could get; he further added that 1000 of the Mohawk Indians had Join'd the French and were to be at Venango in a Short time, and that all the Indians on the Ohio were to Join them. When we arrived at Venango the French Treated us with great kindness giving us plenty of Provisions. After the french had made enquiry Concerning the Strength of Pittsburgh & Legonier they said that in a short time they wou'd be Join'd by 1000 Mohawks.

Their Fort is four we had not time to view but think it to be a Square built with Stockades and Consists of 200 French and 50 Indians the Chief part of the Indians were of the Delaware Nation who mostly resided at Custalogo's Town and by Indians they were told that the Fort also consisted of one swivel

By a Scouting party that arriv'd Just before us at Venango who had brought with them a Prisoner and a Scalp we learn that there is two or three Parties out towards Pittsburgh and Legonier

When we left Venango they had about 20 Battoes there

The 15th at night we made our Escape from the Indian incampment, but Venango Creek which we had to Cross being very high -

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with a Fresh we were obliged to go better than 10 Miles up the Creek before we could Cross it, about two days after, we made the waters of Kuskuske about five Miles above the Town the fourth day about Ten O'Clock we came in Sight of Shenango Town and when we had pass'd it near a Mile and a half came upon the River Ohio *This must be a Mistake, it is a branch of bever Creek* where we fell in with some Mingoës who where going with their Cannoës to Pittsburgh, the Mingoës after asking some Questions told us that they had made Peace with the English, and that they would take care to deliver us safe at Pittsburgh, upon which they took us into their Cannoes, and Treated us Friendly giving us Provisions &c And would not Suffer us to go alone to Pittsburgh for fear of our falling into the Hands of the Enemy again

[In Col. Mercer's handwriting] The above mentioned, Cutfingered Peter, and Several others of his Party have been entertaind at Pittsburgh different times this Winter, and appeared as hearty in their disposition for peace & friendship with us as any others.

[Endorsed] Report of two Prisoners taken by the French Indians

(April 26, 1759)

COL. JOHN ARMSTRONG TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 137, A. L. S.]

Carlisle 26.th April 1759.

Dear Coll:

Your favour of the 21.st Ins.^t I cou'd not well Answer Sooner, being much hurry'd with various things & people since my return. as I did not know the fact of the two horses lost in the Servise & not apprais'd before they were employ'd, of my Own knowledge, I took the depossition of the Waggon master of the Brigade in which they were, and Sent it rather than a Cirtificate to the Commissioners; which I hope will serve the Man in whoes favour

* In the original, the words between the asterisks were inserted above the line, in Col. Mercer's handwriting.

(April 26, 1759)

you wrote. I have Sent for M^r Hamilton he is not yet come, but I think you may depend that he will resign the Service & so I have wrote the Governor. if he does not he must answer the consequence at a General Court Martial, w^{ch} I think, he will not chuse. here with I send you as much ammunition as two of the Pick of the Kings horses can be Suppos'd to Carry, which will be about 280 w^t about One fourth part of which I have Order'd in Lead. the Kings Store having been Shifted, the Owner not allowing it any longer for that Use, has been pritty much trouble especially as no^t particular person was appointed to that Charge. it is now at a Considerable distance from the Guard house, and a Centry Order'd Over it. I have taken a good deal of pains with the Gun, & Black Smiths. the former who is Butler with two Small apprentice boys I offer'd in case of your approbation twenty Shill^s Currency p day, which indeed I thought a high rate, but he Says he must have twenty five Shill^s p day if he go, and a warrant Sign'd which is Sent you for that purpose in Case you can approve or consent to the request. the warr^t he Said he chose to draw up in his Own way. if you please to draw up what you may think right and Sign it, I will use my best endeavours to make them content. Rob the Black Smith, with his Man, who is he Sais as good as him Self, will take Twelve Shillings p day, I believe, tho' he thinks they are equal to Carpenters, for whome is advertis'd a Dollar p day. Rob says he must have a pint, or at least half a pint of Rum to his Man & himself each day. I believe Gordon may get another Black Smith here in a little time, I shall also try for another Gun Smith, but doubt much of getting him & shall wait your Answer, he is a Seady hand, but not so quick as butler.

M^r Blain will advise you of the miserable State of Our people at Ligonier, and how Scarce, as well as bad the Provisions are along the Communication, except the Salt pork that is here & at Bedford. Our Men here are very little better like, than when they left the Campaign. there is about Sixty of them, Fifteen not fit for duty, I have Sent Major Shippen a return, which I found had been Sent him before, but miscarry'd. I have wrote Major Jaminson the report of the Officers who is last come down the Country, with Orders to Open it to the General and to M^r Hoops chiefly relating to fresh provisions and Vinegar.

Cap^t Thomson & Lt^t McKee is just come here from Pittsburgh they Say they have no News, only One Barber, brotherinlaw to M^r John Wright, who was Out a Trapping, is Kill'd and Scalp'd almost in Sight of our Post at Stoney Creek. Numbers of our Inhabitants are gone to their places along the North Mountain, and Some Over the Mountain to Sharemans Valley and as they are in great danger of a Stroak, I'm of Opinion Patrolling partys Shou'd as Often as possible be Sent behind

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those people I shall send One from this Post, but doubt that Shippensburgh & Loudon, cannot afford a proper party, except by Acting in Conjunction, which may sometimes be done, please to Send me your Opinion. Major Armstrong goes to Command at Bedford. I have found Out your Bed, and will Send for it to my Own House. M^{rs} Armstrong and the Children are well, She greatfully accepts yours, and returns her Compliments. I shall not fail to write you any Occurrence, and am Dear Sir with perfect regard and Esteem, your

Affectionate & Most Ob^t Humb^l Serv^t

JOHN ARMSTRONG

Coll: Bouquet

(April 26, 1759)

JACOB MORGAN TO COL. THOMAS LLOYD

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 138, A. L. S.]

Aprill 26. 1759:

Sir

One David Thomas: Millwrite having Setld his affaier; with an intent of Coming out on y^e ensuing Campain if he Could get any enouragement but I Could not give him Any as not Knowing whether y^e Sawmill at Ligonere would be Caried on or not: also John Willet a Nother Good Mill-wright was Speking to me about the Same Affaire both or either of them would Gladly accept of the work if applyd to in time as they have an Inclination to See the Contry David Thomas Living near Reading Furnes in Chester County: the other John Willett near Reading Town in Berks County Both Good Millwrights and Creditable Men I [~~have v. v.~~] but am Sir Your Most Obediant and Humble Servat

JACOB MORGAN

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter upon Millwrights

[Addressed] To Lieut^t Colonel LLOYD Commander at Ligoner [These]

(April 26, 1759)

COL. THOMAS LLOYD TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 140, A. L. S.]

[Ligonier, April 26, 1759]

Sir.

Inclosd is a Return of the necessarys want^d to repair the Waggon^s which together with the geers &c I have caus'd to be revis'd by the Collar-Maker of the Roy Artillery; the Condition they are in reflects great Scandal on the Waggon Masters and their Repair alone woud be at a moderate Computation a Months Work for this Garrison.

I have selected Forty of them fit for Service and formed a Coverd Way from the Retrenchment to the second Redoubt and shall use all possible Diligence in executing the Generals Commands in doing which I [fear] foresee no small Embarrassment from the Refusal of the regulur Troops to work without Pay -- at present our whole operations are at a Stand for Want of a single half round File without which it seems there is no possibility of sawing

the Gunns and the Two Artillery Waggon^s with their geers and Apparatus are reported to me by M^r Mitchelson as fit for Service

I have recd from Col Byrd a Letter dated Winchester 11th inst^t informing me off the Destination of 300 of his 1st Batt. for the Reinforcement of this Garrison who were to march on Monday 14th Ap^r and in that which I had the Honor to receive from you of 13th inst^t tis mention'd that the Highlanders will be releivd as soon as the Virginia Troops can be got up, which Cap M^cKenzie thinks a sufficient Authority for the March of the Highlanders as soon as the Virginians shall arrive but I hope to receive still more explicit Commands on that Head. Capt Morgan who is extreemly usefull to me in the Works has recommended two Mill-Wrights and avers that without one we can do nothing.

his Letter I have inclosd which may serve as a Direction to find the Men if you think proper to employ them

the Cornorall alluded to in my last was by a Court of Enquiry found guilty of great Misbehaviour in not covering the Sick and retreating with his whole Party and is detain'd in the Guard till further orders.

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the unhappy Garrison at Stoney Creek has been all drown'd last Winter merely by the Neglect of the officer to save the Trouble of building Barracks has oblig'd his Men to lay a foot deep in Water, cover'd only by a Waggon clouthe from which Means two and thirty of our best Men have perish'd or been disabled. he is constantly solliciting a Reinforcement from me to which Purpose I have already Sent him Seven long since sacrific , and must to preserve the Post send him an additional Number on the Arrival of the Virginians.

I had the Pleasure to write you by M^r Atlee 13.th ins.^t on a particular Subject in Regard to which I shall If you will give me Leave acquiesce in your opinion & have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient and very humble Servant

THOS. LLOYD

Ligonier April 26th 1759.

Waggons good at Ligonier -- 40
Waggons out of Repair -- 103

Col Hen: Bouquet

(April - May, 1759)

COL. HUGH MERCER: INDIAN INTELLIGENCE

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 135, D. S.]

Pittsburgh April 25.th 1759

The Indian Spy sent off to go to Venango return'd, but did not go quite so fur, having met some Indians Just come from thence, in whose accounts he could Confide. About 150 Men are at Venango. 25 Went for Le Beef some days ago to bring Provisions: No late reinforcement is come over the Lakes, but the French talk of some they Expect soon to arrive from Niagara, with Indians.

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The Delaware who lately Struck the English live upon the Suskehannah, Delaware George has sent a Belt to Custalogo's Town and the Other Indians at Venango to draw them off from the French:

27th

I sent off Kilbuck with a String of 1000 Wampum to the Delawares at Kuskuskas and at Custalogo's Town Viz:

Brothers, You and I have lived this Winter as friends: I thought your hearts were good, and have told all my People, that they may confide in the Friendship of the Delawares, You have seen that I am your friend: What do you mean by Striking me now, Why do you not deliver back the Peace Belts of the English, and tell me, that you will rather be cut off with the French then live and be happy with the English.

Brothers, I send to put you in mind of your Promises, when peace was offered by Your Brothers the English, you seem'd glad of it: I hope that the greater part of your Nation are still my Friends, for the sake of these, I shall forgive what has happened lately, Brothers. Call all your foolish Young Men from the French, do not let them hear their Words, the French will lead the to Destruction, I should be sorry to hurt your people, but if they will fight against me, they must Die. The French have but a few Weeks now, to remain in this Country, and whoever assists them shall Share their Fate.

Tuesday 10th May

Kilbuck return'd, and says he was two days at Venango Custalogo, and a Number of other Delaware and Mingo Indians were there. The Delawares on that quarter were pleased with the Wampum, and Speech I sent by him, And Custalogo their Chief man was resolved to Suffer none of his people to fight against us any more. He desires to know, when we proceed against the French, and says he will do then, whatever we desire of him. He keeps two Belts always ready to send me as soon as he sees a force of the French, that may be formidable to us. Outfinger's Peter is gone to Shamokin. Two Scalping Parties were set out from Venango, to infest the Communication, and another Consisting of 20 Over Lake Indians were to go off about that time. That a Scalp was brought to Venango and a Prisoner a German, of Morgans Company, taken in or near [the] Garden at Legonier about Six or Seven days ago. There are about [100] Soldiers at Venango, and Several officers, besides what are gone upon party with Indians, They are fitting up platforms and lining their Stockades, have but a Small Quantity of Flour, And give out that they are 400 Strong on this side the Lake. That 200 Battoes are on their Way with 500 Soldiers besides Indians to reinforce them. They expect we will

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proceed up the River & Le Narie is determined, as he says, to fight us in the Woods. They have 11 Battoes at Venango And one Great Gun of the Size of a Quart Pott, which they fire off by a Train of Powder when Indians go to the Fort. Thus far Killbuck.

Sunday 12th

Delaware George and a Number of his people, likewise the Mingoes from the Head of the Ohio, came here.

George in Presence of all the Indians and Officers &c spoke as follows --

Brothers,

Be attentive, I spoke to you a few days ago, when I brought here one of your people.

Brother,

I am very Sorry that I should have told you lies when I first Spoke to you, I looked in my heart and found it clear and good. And I did not think that I should ever tell you lies. What made me tell lies, is a Man, standing here called my Father, who without my Knowledge, takes some of my Young Men out of my Bosom, holds them against you, till they strike you, and then lets them go again.

Brother,

The same Words I spoke to you, I spoke to tell my own People, and sent the same by two Belts to my Uncles the Six Nations, and I went myself up this River to talk to my People and see whether it was this Man that made them do so.

Gave the Wampum.

The Beever sent for me to come to him, where he Planted Corn, but I told him, No, I must first go and see my Brothers, and so sett off to come here.

George afterwards in private told us that his intention was to take what pains he could to bring over all the Delawares to the B. Interest; but could not say how far his endeavours might be Successful, that he had told them up the River he would leave them, and talk no more to English, in their favour, but take care of himself, and go live upon the Susquehannah. This he is resolved to do, if he finds any ~~other~~ further difficulty in keeping them from the French. He says this River will not be navigable for Battoes a Month hence.

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The Kingoes likewise delivered a Speech, with Wampum, Signifying their Speedy adhearance to the Peace, and disclaiming all intention of infringing any Part of it.

They are anxious about their Messengers expected from Philadelphia, were well Satisfy'd with the Conference held at Philadelphia, and a Considerable Number had sett off to come here, but calling at Venango were Terrified by the French from coming here; only two or three Indians who had been with us last Winter proceeded, but could not prevail on the rest, who immediately returned to their Town.

One of them tells me he has been lately at Niagara That near a thousand Men are there, The Fort is a square with four Bastions, built of Stone, a Ditch and Glaciss Pallisaded in, Sluces to let the River into the Ditch at pleasure. The Ground clear and level for a Considerable distance but ruff and hard. about Sixty pieces of Cannon most of them mounted and the largest pointed on the Lake. At the Portage near the falls is a small Stockaded Fort with 80 Men in it.

HUGH MERRER .

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Indian Intelligence from
Pittsburgh April and May 1759

(May 2, 1759)

COL. ADAM STEPHEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 141, A. L. 3.]

Bedford May 2^d 1759

Sir,

I have just now arrivd at this place with a Detachment of 300 men; after a very fatiguing march from Winchester: occasiond by the rainy weather, deep Roads, & high Rivers.

I understand their provisions are pretty much reduced at Ligonier; I hope care will be taken to prevent the necessity of re- turning for want of Provisions.

(May 2, 1759)

I am extreemly glad we have the pleasure of your Commands on this Quarter, and am with Respect,

Sir,
Your most Ob.^t hub.^{le} Serv.^t

ADAM STEPHEN

[Endorsed] Col Stephen 2^d May

(May 3, 1759)

COL. ADAM STEPHEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 143, L. S.]

Bedford May 3^d 1759,

Sir,

I have this instant receivd your orders of the 29th Ult. & will execute them as far as I can, but find it impossible to do any thing toward the heavy repairs necessary on the Roads. in case I left 50 men at this place, as the Rainy weather, high waters, and bad roads has thrown down many of my Detachment, for which reason I carry all able to march along with me, & leave the reinforcement of Bedford to your further Consideration. I understand S^r John St Clair acts again on this Quarter; and beg the favour of your informing me if any further respect is to be paid to him than formerly- I wrote you yesterday, and am with great esteem

Sir,
Your most ob.^t hu.^{ble} Ser.^t

ADAM STEPHEN

[Endorsed] Col. Stephen 3^d May

[Addressed] On His Majestys Service To Col. Henry Bouquet Commanding at York

(May 4, 1759)

GEORGE STEVENSON TO ADAM HOOPS

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 145, L. S.]

York 4.th May 1759

Sir

I take this Opportunity to inform you that after all the Pains that hath been taken no more than two Horses & two Drivers could be got in four Days, so that not one Ounce of Flour is gone from hence yet.

Warrants issued yesterday morning and were carried to the Constables by Arch^d Craford; how many Horses, may be got by that Means I know not, but shall take Care to advise you from Time to Time.

I'm inform'd that every Body here holds their Wheat at 4/u and that George McCulloch gave that Price last Monday and Tuesday. I shall be glad to hear the News from y^e Side & am S^r

y^r H^{ble} Serv^t

GEO STEVENSON

M^r Hoops

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] M^r Stevenson

(May 4, 1759)

ADAM HOOPS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 146, L. S.]

Lenchester 4 May 1759

D^r Sir

You will See by y^e Enclosed y^e Bad Suckses we headef ad at york and much y^e Seam Evfery Wear.

(May 4, 1759)

About 30 Waggens ad promised to carred out [packing?]
and now Refuses to goo.

I am In hops y^e 20 mergency Waggens Wich Went With Carl
Bords men Will meak a Sekent treap from Reas town.

I will Sone heauef 250 horses Bought wich I will set of
~~a-madly~~ a medinly

I Refear you to y^e Bearer fer forder nues

I am Sir
your most Humbel Servent

AD.^m HOOPS

(May 4, 1759)

COL. JOHN ARMSTRONG TO GENERAL JOHN STANWIX

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 148, A. L. S.]

Carlisle 4.th May 1759

Honoured Sir.

give me leave to inform you that the heavy complaints
from Fort Ligonier respecting the Scarcity of Provisions, are by
this time fully remov'd. Seventeen Horses Set Out from this place
with Oats as far as Bedford, there to take in Flour for Ligonier;
a~~s~~ number has also been provided & Sent from York County, by Coll:
Bouquet & Adam Hoops; and on thursday last Major Armstrong Loaded
and Sent off from Bedford twenty one of the Kings Horses which he
found in the Woods and Says there will be a Considerable Number more
found there with proper pains to Collect them, more Horses cou'd
then have been got, but there was not Baggs to put the flour into;
I shall acquaint M.^r Clark (who is here) with the deficiency of that
Article. my Brother is just come down from Bedford, and to Morrow

General Stanwix

(May 4, 1759)

Sett Cut with Major Jaminson to Maryland a recruiting in Consequence of the Governors Orders, there is a careful Lieut^t Commands at that Post, as I have no Officer of higher rank down the Country, but what are just Sett Cut on the Recruiting Service. Lt Coll: Stevens with a bout three Hundred Men, is on his March betwixt Bedford and Ligonier. there are rather too few Men for the Convoys on this Side Ligonier. I hope you have not lost Sight of the great necessity of fresh Provisions for those poor fellows along this Communication who are living all the Winter & Spring upon Salt Pork without Vegetables.

I am Sir
with great respect
Your most Obed^t and Most Humb^l Servt.

JOHN ARMSTRONG

[Enclosed] Col. Armstrong 4th May

[Addressed] On his Majesties Service To Brigadier General Stanwix
at Philadelphia

(May 6, 1759)

COL. THOMAS LLOYD TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 150, A. L. S.]

[Ligonier, May 6, 1759.]

Sir

I recd your Favor of April 29th last Night and am extremely sorry to have incurrd your Displeasure without appearing to myself to have in the least deservd it

when I wrote to you I had the Honor at the same Time to write to the General and to transmit the Returns, after which my Correspondence with you was an undesignd Offence for which I am sorry and heartily beg your Excuse.

(May 6, 1759)

My Returns which I always sent very regularly Containd the State of Provisions. M^r Ourrey at whose Instance the Supply was sent from hence to Pittsburg was on the Spot, in my Letters I mentiond that Supply and did not in the least Doubt its being replac'd for this Reason and because of the Weakness of the Men I venturd to continue the full Allowance you best can judge with what Propriety.

I was besides favor'd with a Line from Col Byrd a Copy of which is inclosd and which gave me Room to expect a Months Provision for the Garrison even before this Time

as soon as I began to apprehend a Deficiency of Provisions and was undeceivd in the Expectation I had form'd of a Supply intended for this Post - to save Time I dismissd an Express to the Aid Quarter Master General or to the Contractor on the Frontier and after that a second since which, if there is any Blame I shall Not determine to whom it belongs

in yours of 29th April you are pleasd to assert your Intention that half the Beeves shoud stay with us and refer to your former Letters.

I beg Leave to inclose M^r Sinclaers original Certificate on that Subject who in this Case represented the Quarter Master General and to remark as you very justly did in the Case of M^r Blane, that M^r Sinclaer was an Officer and I woud think among Officers his Word shoud be taken

the following is a Transcript from your Favor of March 18th of your Order on that Head & prior to M^r Sinclaers Certificate "Some Beeves are orderd up intended chiefly for Pittsburg but you may keep a few for the Use of your sick People"

I have receivd two Convoys from Bedford one of Pork April 12th weighing 1698 lb.

another of Flour w^t 3000 lb this Day and have detachd L^t Gordon with 30 Horses to Bedford, whose Return I expect before you receive this

if there is any Quantity of Provisions in the Magazine at Bedford I am not at all apprehensive of the Destruction of this present Garrison by Famine, and am to suppose that all Reinforcements will be provided for.

(May 6, 1759)

inclosed is the Return of the Garrison since the Junction
of Capt Loran

tir'd of a Command for which I am so illy qualifyd, I
wait the Arrival of Col Stevens with the greatest utmost Impatience
and tho I am anxious to exculpate myself, sincerely owe you all the
Deference & Respect due to the greatest Merit, superior Rank &
superior Qualifications, hoping you will not take amiss the Liberty
us'd in this by

Sir

Your most obedient humble Servant

THO LLOYD

Ligonier May 6th 12 o Clock at Night. 1759

if the worst happen we have Six Cows here in good order - TL.

to Col: Bouquet

(May 12, 1759)

COL. HUGH MERCER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 151, A. L. S.]

Pittsburgh 12th May 1759

Dear Sir,

Since my last of the 24th April nothing very material has
happened here: We have seen none of the Enemy, and but few of our
friendly Indians, 'till two days ago, that some have come in from
different quarters. As it exceeds the bounds of a letter, I in-
close you the intelligence brought by the Spy to Venango, together
with such indian transactions as may be of any consequence to know.

(May 12, 1759)

I have been in hourly expectation of hearing from the settlements, for several days; which prevented my sending the inclosed returns at the proper time; for I trust no letters of any consequence without a Party to Ligonier.

Not an Ounce of Beef has been in the fort these eight Days, and the state of our Flour will oblige us to go immediately upon Horse-flesh, if that can be procured; for we see nor hear of no supplies, notwithstanding my sending some pressing letters along the Communication, to hurry up what may be on the Way.

The Garrison becomes daily more healthy, most of those returned sick, being upon the Recovery; only the Highlanders, who bore the Cold Weather well, fall sick as the summer advances; but none have died as yet.

We have not been lucky enough to find Pine fitt to produce tarr; but have discovered a fine mill-seat on the south side the Monongehela, opposite the lower point of the Island; with a stream of Water, which the Indians say will always answer the Purpose.

I can promise you little, from the Indians this way. They speak fair to us, and at home are full of Caballs, and propagate a thousand lies, to sharpen each others resentment against us. The french Emissaries have done a world of Mischief, and our best friends among the Delawares begin to think their endeavours to establish Peace, will be ineffectual for some time. A Captive taken when Mr Ways was killed, one Corp^l Ellis came in last night, and had not D. George been on the Island, the Indians, who knew his Voice, when he hollowed for the Boat, would have Scalped him - he belonged to a Shawnese family at Kiskuskas, two of which had made after, and gott here before him.

I am
D^r Sir,
Your most obed^t humble Serv^t

HUGH MERCER

Col. Bouquet

[Endorsed] Col. MERCER 12.th May 1759

(May 12, 1759)

CAPT. ALEXANDER MCKENZIE TO COLONEL HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 153, L. S.]

Fort Mifflin May 12th 1759

Sir

By the Currant of this place I am directed to believe our Regiment has taken their departure from Philadelphia the 20th of last month. Where they are gone to I am left to guess; How I shall I follow them I have yet to learn; And when I shall be relieved for that purpose appears very distant

I hope Col^l Montgomery in the hurry of his business has not forgot there was 200. of his Reg^t here And to Construct it otherwise must argue an imperfect Consideration. As I have just Cause to expect needfull Instructions from a Colonel who will concern himself in the detail of his detached parties Which hitherto has not come to my hand.

The frequent Representations I have made of the bad accommodation, The bad State of health, and almost entire want of suitable Subsistence for this detachment claims the protection of Common humanity, And from what infatuate Circumstance such a load of hardships falls on one part of his Majesty's Troops, when early Relief has been given to others of them, is a good deal beyond my comprehension. With regard to my own personality no difficulty shall be put in competition with the good of the Service, And I can with the same sufficiency answer for the whole with me.

But can I help being surprised, in not having intelligence from the Corps I am Connected with, With regard to the destination of this party, or how I am to regulate in the want of cloathing, settling their Acc^{ts}. in Arrear of pay with many other Considerations necessary to be concluded, before the Soldiers can be either able or willing properly to discharge their appointed duty

It's now I recollect tho I am affraid too late that I become troublesome to you in matters you will esteem yourself unconcerned in, but believe, the only motive leads me to it is your regular and impartial observance of the Troops in your department, having Speedy Redress in any grievance they labour under, And I shou'd be glad

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to have information how the Troops are, we are to expect to have a Relief from, so that I may make necessary preparations for their Reception, and I am with Respect

Sir

Your most obed^t. & very hum^{le} Serv^t.

ALEX^r: M^cKENZIE.

[Endorsed] Cap^t M^cKenzie May 12th

[Addressed] To Colonel Bouquet Esq^r. at York Pennsylvania

(May 15, 1759)

GEORGE STEVENSON TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 155, L. S.]

York 15th May 1759

Hon^d. Sir

The Brigade of Horses dispatch'd from hence are chiefly bought by A. Hoops, but whether for his Majestie's Acc^t. or his own I can't tell, he had them all apprais'd & paid for or is to pay for the Saddl^{es} & Forage they us'd.

I wish M^r Armor may get 1500 B^l^s Oats, what Cash can be got in this Town, he will get, for Bills on M^r Nelson, & will draw for no more on M^r Shippen than can't be avoided; this can be fix'd when you come over.

My Wife set out for Philad^a yesterday, & our Judges of Oyer and Terminer are to be here on thursday Night, & in the Interim I am procuring Waggon^s to carry the Baggage of these 4 Comp^s to Lanc^r for all these Reasons I must deny myself the Pleasure of seeing you

Colonel Bouquet

(May 15, 1759)

at Lanc^r. I shall nevertheless think of the Matters you have been pleas'd to hint to me, & use all means in my Power to procure Waggon^s for Bedford on the Gen^l^s Terms.

I make no Doubt of y^r Kindness in representing my past Services to the General in a true light, for which, on y^r Representation, he will pay a quantum meruit & I desire no more.

As there will be a great Number of the Inhabitants of this County in Town next Friday & Saturday, it will be Time enough then to issue any new Advertisem^t w^{ch} may be thought necessary.

I will either undertake the Task you propose to assign me, or try to find a Suitable Person for it, by the Time We meet: in the mean Time shall act as diligently as I can, in forwarding every Business you mention. I am,

Hon^d S^r
y^r most obed^t H^{ble} Serv^t

GEO STEVENSON

[Endorsed] M^r Stevenson 15th May 1759

(May 17, 1759)

ADAM STEPHEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 157, L. S.]

[Camp near Bedford, May 17, 1759.]

Sir,

I have found it necessary for me to stay here, for dispatching Supplies wth the greatest Expedition for the Use of the Trans Alpine Garrison.

They have been in great want; but are Supply for the present. I have forwarded lb 42.000 of provisions Since I came to this place; have had a Detachment on the Roads, & there are now

(May 17, 1759)

Ten Waggon^s w^t pork on their way Over the mountains. There are no Tools here for building Querny bridge, & the respectable Escorts necessary for the Convoys of provisions have imployd all my men. I dont see how I can leave this with out danger of Starving, before an Active Officer, and some men come to Relieve me.

I am with esteem

S^r

your most Ob^t hub^e Serv^t

ADAM STEPHEN

Camp near Bedford May 17th 1759

[Endorsed] L^t Col. Stephen 17th May 1759

(May 17, 1759)

ADAM STEPHEN TO GENERAL JOHN STURGEON

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 159, A. L. S.]

[Camp near Bedford, May 17, 1759.]

Sir

I have had only a report of their being short of Provisions at Pittsburg, untill this instant that L^t Col Loyd informs me, they have had no meat in that Garrison for Ten days, & had on the 12th inst. only a Weeks flour.

They have however receivd Supplies before this time; A small convoy left Ligonier for Pittsburgh on the 13th and there is another on the march for that Place, I have sent about 1b 42.000 of Provisions over the mountains Since I came to this place, and as I heard of no Supplies being between this & Carlisle, I have sent an Express to the S. Branch of Potomak promising good prices for Cattle deliverd at Pittsburg.

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I have had a Detachment repairing the Roads, & there are now ten Waggon on their way Over the mountains. The immediate Subsistence of the Garrisons depending on the Safe Arrival of the Convoys, I was obliged to send respectable Escorts with them.

This Constant duty, and Carrying provisions for Seven or Eight days; but especially lying without Tents has harrassed my Detachment very much.

The Teams I brought with me, will be much worn out before their return to this Post, & unless there are some Considerable number of Pack horses & Cattle on the way, The Garrisons beyond the mountains can be only Supplied from day to day in spite of the greatest diligence here.

I have the honour to be,

Sir
your most Obed^t hu^{ble} Serv^t

ADAM STEPHEN

Camp near Bedford May 17th 1759

[Endorsed] L^t Col. Stephen to the General 17th May 1759

(May 21, 1759)

DANIEL CLARK TO COLONEL HENRY BOUQUET

[B. H., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 161, A. L. S.]

Carlisle May 21st 1759

Sir

Yesterday I sent of 26 Pack Horses with Oats from this Town with Orders to leave it at Bedford and take Flour from thence for Legoner or Pittsborough.

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We are extremely distress'd for want of a proper Forage Store having at present but the loft of a dwelling House. As you are resolved to have The Forage Account methodically kept, It's necessary to have the Oats now in Store measured or computed, And on a presumption of meeting with your approbation I have order'd this to be done, Men to cut Straw, dispers'd Commissions thro the Country for purchasing of twilled Bagging, (for on Enquiry I find Duck will not Answer) and also made publick your orders for receiving Liquor.

This Morning I sett out for Bedford, I'll appoint one At Loudon to receive Forage and leave some Cash with him for that purpose; I hope to be back at this Place by the 4th of next Month, I have left Instructions with M^r Calhoun how to proceed till then. There is no money to be had here for Drafts; and I will want some Immediately for the Country People have but little Faith in Military Payments. I am with much Respect

Sir

your most Obed^t & very humble Servant

DANIEL CLARK.

[Endorsed] M^r. Clarke May 21st

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GEORGE STEVENSON TO COLONEL HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 162, A. L. S.]

York 21st May 1759

Hon.^d S^r.

Your Favour of the 20th Inst. I have just reced by Grosinger y^r Express, & shall immediately dispatch a Person to the West End

Col^o Bouquet

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of our County to collect the Waggoners & fix the day & Place of Rendezvous & Appraisalment.

If the Waggoners will agree to go from hence to Loudon the nearest way (not by Carlisle) which I think they will I must add to the 17/6 P.C.^t as much as the Distance is greater from York to Bedford than from Carlisle to Bedford w.^{ch} will still be agreeable to the Advertisem^t.

As the quantity of Cats is uncertain (because I expect more yet) the Number of Bags wanted here is also uncertain, Six hundred Bushels will require 100 Bags our common Bags hold 4 Bushels each, & are generally made out of 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ v.^{ds} Baging, & when made up are about 4 Feet 10 Inches in Length; I think the Bags intended ought not to exceed 5 Feet in length when made up, which will require 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards for a Bag but care must be taken that the Top Sail Duck or Sail Cloth be 2 feet wide or such Breadth as that 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards in length, when made into a Bag, will contain the Quantity of Six Bushels.

Two Hundred Bags are wanted for the Quantity now certain, & I am afraid the want of Bags will stop the carriage of the Forage, but the Waggoners may carry Flour.

I shall carefully observe y.^r Instructions, & put them in Execution with all the possible speed.

I am
Hon.^d S.^r
Y.^r most obed.^t H.^{ble} Serv.^t

GEO STEVENSON

[Endorsed] M.^r Stevenson 21.st May

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ADAM HOOPS TO COLONEL HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 164, A. L. S.]

Lancaster 22^d May 1759

Dear Sir

I went to sundry meetings of the Townships Yesturday, the peopel seems all well Inclined and Says the will send there Waggon as soon as possible. But the Printed Advertisements is much wanted. I beg the may be sent up. what shall we do for Baggs there is but a small Matter to be purchased here and that not very good: a Quantity must be sent up without loss of time. I have bargoned with Stoner for His Flour which he is to send to Rays Town. I am With great Esteem

Sir
Your Most Humb^l Serv.^t

AD^m HOOPS

[Endorsed] M^r Hoops 22^d May

[Addressed] On His Majestys Service To Colonel Henery Bouquet in Philadelphia.

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EDWARD SHIPPEN TO COLONEL HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 166, A. L. S.]

Lancaster 22^d May 1759.

Sir

The People who proposed a Meeting Yesterday three miles off disappointed me; but I am doing all in my Power in order to

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get 20 or 30 Waggon's to sett off next Monday for Carlisle and Shall endeavour to buy bags up & down to put the Cts In, tho I expect they will be but Ordinary. You will be pleased to send up some good Stuff for bagging for the next Bragade of Waggon's. I can get the bags made here. I beg my Compliments to your Worthy General and am with due Respects

Y^r
Your Most Obedient Humble Serv^t

EDW^d: SHIPPEN

Coll.^o Bouquet

[Endorsed] M^r Shippen 22^d May

[Addressed] On His Majesties Service To Colonel Bouquet Philadelphia

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JAMES LEIGHTON TO LIEUT. THOMAS BARNSLEY

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 169, A. L. S.]

[New York, May 23, 1759.]

Sir

After a great Deal of Trouble, I have the Pleasure to acquaint You, that I have perfected the account of the Expense in Recruiting, this Regiment which amounts to £ 6980" 0" 4 3/4" This Sum placed against the Credit to be obtained From the General For the 2655 Recruits raised in America and the other Credits which the enclosed State Contains will produce in favor of the Captains a Difference of £ 6576" 1" 3/4" or £ 1644" each Battalion against which Your Contingents now remain to be charged.

I should have copied the Contingents as settled by the Major Captain Rutherford and Yourself, could I possibly have laid my Hands on M^r Curry's signed Account, for which I have in vain

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searched and researched all my Papers. As this Acco^t was constantly in Your Hands at the several Meetings, I incline to think you might have taken it with you. If so do me the Favor to transmit it to Col: Young by the first Opportunity. I have already staid so much longer than I ought or expected, that I cannot here give myself Time to draw this Contingent Account From Lieut^t Ourry's first Papers.

Be in the mean Time so kind as to assure Yourself that for the Satisfaction of Your Constituents I shall by my first Leisure transmit fair and exact Details of all the Transactions between them and Col: Young as their Paymaster.

Your Commands in answer to this will meet me at Halifax, or directed to the Care of M^r Saul, will follow me any where from thence.

I am
Sir
Your Servant

JAMES LEIGHTON

Newyork may 23d. 1759.

The Sea Horse Ship of War and Transports Sailed Yesterday, I go this Afternoon.

L^t: Barnsley Paymaster to the first Royal American Battalion.

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COL. THOMAS LLOYD TO GENERAL JOHN STANWIX

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 171, L. S.]

[Ligonier, May 23, 1759.]

Sir.

Captain Bullet on his March from Bedford with a Convoy of Fifteen Waggons and Fifteen Thousand Weight of Pork, his Party

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consisting off one Hundred Virginians was this Day defeated within Four Miles of Ligonier by a Party off the Enemy on Notice of which I immediately detachd two Hundred Men with a proper Complement of Officers to the Place of Action when this Party arrivd Five of the Waggon (Four of them off Pork) were burn't all the Horses killed or taken and the Geers cutt to Peices this happen'd about three in the Afternoon at a Time when the most violent Tornado of Rain Thunder & Lightning that I ever experienced, together with the approaching Evening prevented our taking any other Measures than separating the remaining Barrells, & disposing them in the Woods in such a Manner as to preserve them from Fire or any Attempts of the Enemy during the Night, with a Resolution to send for the Pork on what Horses we can collect in the Morning but all the Waggon Horses being either killd or taken and the greatest Number of what others could be conveniently got hereabouts in the Woods now absent with a Detachment to Pittsburg, I shall be greatly embarrass'd yet you may be assur'd Sir that in this Exigence I shall exert myself with all the Diligence possible and hope I may be answerable for a favourable Event.

I beg Leave to observe to you Sir that this Garrison is harrass'd to Death wth continual Escorts and within a very short Time prove utterly incapable of that severe Duty especially when weakn'd by the March of the Highlanders who are new on the Arrival of Capt^t Bullett releiv'd by the Tenor of my Orders, and impatiently insist on being permitted to join their Regiment

aprehensive of a Design against Stoney Creek from the Route of the Enemy I have this Moment detach'd a Subaltern and Twenty Five Men to reinforce that Post under Cover of the Night

about Twelve oClock this Morning we were purposely amus'd by their Scalping a Royal Amer: Soldier left sick at this Post who notwithstanding escaped from the Enemy in their Confusion and got into the Fort with a Chance of Recovery, this Accident happend to him gathering Greens in a Bottom beyond the Creek not two Hundred Yards from a Centinel the Detachment sent out Pursuit of these Indians returnd just Time enough to march in the Affair of Capt Bullett, who supposes the Number of the Enemy to have been near one Hundred and Fifty and says that they chargd with their Bodys exposd and the utmost Bravery

inclosd is an Acc^t of the Provisions in this Garrison. Pittsburg has rec'd two Supplys from me lately as large as I could give tho not sufficient for more than Twelve Days to come, the last Detachment of Fifty Men on this Occasion are not yet return'd

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I am obliged to dispatch this Express under Cover of the Night which now wears away and if a Multiplicity of Attentions has made me less correct in the above Recital I hope Sir you will pardon it and beleive me to be with all possible respect

Sir

Your most obedient and most humble Servant

THO LLOYD

Legonier May 23^d 1759 one oClock in the Morn^g

L^t Fitz Chew of Capt Bulletts Command wounded thro the Arm in a dangerous Manner

Missing of Cap^t Bulletts Party Thirty Six of which Eight found dead on the Field.

we had the good Fortune to kill a Bullock in the Woods t'other Day which was one of Two supposd to have escapd from them at Pittsburg

General Stanwix

[Endorsed] Colonel Lloyd's Lre: to General Stanwix from Legonier 23^d May 1759.

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COL. JAMES BURD TO COLONEL HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 173, A. L. S.]

Lancaster 23^d May 1759

D^r. Sir

I am in great hopes we shall be able to gett some Wagons started from hence next week, we are under a Necessity to make up

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Ozenoerz into baggs for the present: think the sooner propper baggs could be got at Philad^a & sent to Reading, Lancaster, & York, the better, we have gott here 1600 busheis of oats which will be Sent up to Bedford

This come by Samuel Aidy the Person I Recommended to you for one of the Wagon Masters for the Kings Wagons you'll please give him a Warrant.

M^{rs} Burd joins in Compliments to yourself & the Family you live in & I am most Sincerely

Your Freind & Obed. Serv^t

JAMES BURD

[Endorsed] Col. J. Burd.

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COL. HUGH MERCER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 175, A. L. S.]

Pittsb^g 23^d May 1759

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 8th Ins^t was delivered yesterday: I had the pleasure of writing You the 13th and enclosd some Intelligence with accounts of Indian affairs.

The 14th in the Afternoon a skirmish happened between a Corp^l & 10 Men of this Garrison and a superior number of the Enemy, over the Monongehela, the Party was a hunting horses, and one of

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them, Swails, having separated in quest of Game, was killed and Scalped. the Enemy soon after appeared & our People taking them at first for friends, called out Englishmen; On which the Savages stript & they engag'd: Two of the Enemy were wounded & Dropt, but endeavouring to surround the Party they all made for the fort, and gott in excepting two old Men of the Virg^a C^o who were taken Prisoners. A Party was immediatly ordered in Quest of the Enemy. Several Indians being the first into the boats, to get at them: but in Vain; By the Marks they left, it appears they were Chipways & Canowagoroners; and they the Indians think one died in a short time.

I made the Indians that showd great alacrity on the occasion, handsome Presents & they appeared highly satisfied to be employ'd on the like service: but the State of Provisions will not admitt of giving encouragement to great Numbers to be about us at present A Supply arrived yesterday, and as Col Stephen writes me he has sent to the S^o Branch for Live Stock to be drove here, we have now a better prospect than would appear to You by my last.

We have been employed for some days past in Scouring the Woods for Spyes that hover about us, but without Success; two Delawares came over the Ohio, three days ago, belonging to that Party, but were not admitted near the Fort: I had heard of them the day before, and rather as give umbrage to the other Delawares, sent them provisions, and told them, they should see the Fort when they came along with my freinds. They then avowed to the Officers their coming from Vinango, And told them, there were only thirty Soldiers with Le Narie at Pres^t. the Rest having gone to Le Beuff for Provisions, and gave such a Discription of the Fort &c, as agrees with our other Accounts. I sent a spy up the Ohio four days ago, who was to return by this time, if any thing formidable appears there.

Inclosed is a Return of what Skins & furr's have been purchased with the Kings Goods, that Orders may be given as to sending them down the Country or delivered to M^r Croghan.

some few of the Hospital Stores here have been used by the Garrison, which I thought necessary to inform the General of, that Stoppages may be ordered for reimbursing them; if judged requisite, the Value I beleive is very trifling.

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I never insisted on Pemberton's Agent selling to the Soldiers his Goods at any Price, only told him that if he had no Orders to the Contrary, it would be but equitable to let them have a few Necessaries on the terms he sold to the Indians; as otherwise we lay at the Mercy of blood-sucking Pedlars: however I am persuaded that a living profit is put upon all of his goods sold to Soldiers; but if it is practicable to settle the Accounts here, by Mr Pemberton's fixing a Certain additional Profit, it would seem much the easiest Method; especially as the Garrison is likely to be paid off here, /I mean the Pennsylvanians/.

I am extremely Glad the General consents to our Peoples remaining here, rather as Marching down the Country, which undoubtedly would prove much to the disadvantage of their Health & spirits.

Your Direction as to the Granaries shall be Observed. I am setting about a lime Kiln and shall endeavour to forward things as far as our abilities will reach.

I am

Dr Sir,

Your most obed humble Serv^t

HUGH MERCER

Colonel Bouquet.

[Endorsed] Lieut^t Col. Mercer to Col: Bouquet Pittsburgh 23^d May 1759

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RETURN OF FURS

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 168, A. D. S.]

A Return of Skins, Furrs &c in Store a Pittsburgh 23rd May 1759

Fall Skins	Summer & Short Hair Skins	Parchments	Beavers	Wolves	Raccoons	Otters	Catts	Elk Skins
423 ---	65 --	36 --	9 -	11 --	7 ---	5 ---	2 ---	2 ---

THO:^s HUTCHINS

[Endorsed] Return of Furrs at Pittsburgh, 23^d May 1759.

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COL. THOMAS LLOYD: RETURN OF TROOPS

Ed. ., Add. MS. 1644, f. 254, D.]

A General Return of the Garrison at Fort Mifflin Commanded

Corp's.	Officers Present												
	Field			Commiss. ^a			Staff			Non Commiss. ^a			
	Coll. ^{os}	Lieutenant Coll. ^s	Majors	Captains	Lieutenants	Ensigns	Chaplains	Adjutants	Surgeon's	Surgeons Mates	Quarter Masters	Serjeants	Drummers
Royal Artillery	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"		1
Highlanders	"	"	"	1	2	1	"	"	1	"	"	3	2
Virginians	"	"	"	2	3	3	"	"	"	"	"	6	2
1 st Batt ⁿ Pensilvan ^a	"	"	"	"	"	1	"	"	1	1	"	3	"
2 ^d Batt ⁿ Pensilvan ^a	"	1	"	"	2	"	"	"	"	1	"	6	1
Total	"	1	"	3	8	5	"	"	2	2	"	18	6

N.B. 1 Cap^m 6 Sub^s 4 Serj^{ts} 1 Drummer and 91 R S P: of the
The Pensilv nian Artillery Men are Included in the 1st and

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by Lieutenant Coll^o Lloyd of the 2^d Batt.ⁿ Pensilv^{ns}

May 23^d 1759.

Effective Rank & File						Since last Return							
						Join'd				Recruited	Dead	Discharg'd	Deserted
Fit for Duty	Sick Present	Sick in the Hospital	On Furloe	On Command	Total	Serjeants	Drummers	Fifes	Rank & File				
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77		"	"	"	77	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
142	"	"	"	13	155	6	2	"	155	"	"	"	"
27	20	"	"	37	84	"	"	"	"	"	2	"	"
21	11	"	"	28	60	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
280	31	"	"	78	379	6	2	"	155	"	2		

Virginians go from Hance to Bedford to Escort Lieu.^t Coll Stephen.
2^d Batt.ⁿ Pensilvanian's

THO LLOYD

[Endorsed] Return of The Troops at Legonier 23^d May 1759.

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EDWARD SHIPPEN TO COLONEL HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 178, A. L. S.]

Lancaster 24.th May 1759.

Sir

I informed you by the Post that there was no meeting of the Menists at Landis', according to appointment; this, I have understood Since, was owing intirely to a mistake, & not to their want of Zeal for his Majesty's service; however I am going amongst them this morning again, and make no doubt but I shall find them very hearty in the Cause.

I have written to our Magistrates about the Country, and inclosed an advertisement to each of them. Please to send me more advertisements, M^r Ourrey having, brought me but a quarter of a hundred. He paid me £ 2118^l 00^s 6. I shall write you again next Monday of our Success in Sending off Waggons with forage. Bags are making of Ozenbrigs & Ticklinburgs & other Stuff & best I can find, tho these Sorts are scarce. I mentioned the Article of Bagging in my Letter by the Post

I am

Sir

Your Most Humble serv^t

EDW:^d SHIPPEN

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[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Edw.^d Shippen Esq.^r 24.th May
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[Addressed] On His Majesties Service For Colonel Bouquet
 Philadelphia P Favour of Gov. Ross. Esq.^r To be left
 at Edw.^d Shippen jun.^r Esq.^r

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A RETURN OF PROVISIONS

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 177, A. D. S.]

A Return of Provisions in Store at Legonier the 24. of May 1759.

Flour -----	6090	} lb
Pork -----	2130	
Beef -----	150	

NB: All the Garrison to be Served the 26. Inst.

P JOHN ORMSBY Ass.^t Ag.^t Dict.^r

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COL. THOMAS LLOYD TO GENERAL JOHN STANWIX

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 181, A. L. S.]

[Ligonier, May 25, 1759.]

Sir.

I was honour'd with yours of May 8th by the Hands of Col Bouquet and had the Pleasure to write you the 23^d instant by Express I have it now in my Power to assure you that I have securd and brott into the Magazine all the Pork not destroyed at the Defeat of Capt Bullett, and also to be a little more circumstantial in the Account of that Misfortune.

on Monday May 21st a Corporal who had been out with Six Men after Horses returnd and inform'd me that he had discoverd the Track of a large Party of Indians at about two Miles Distance from the Fort tending across a Bottom towards the Laurel Hill, that the main Body appear'd to have been considerable, & that they had Flankers on each Side, & had left a perfect Path imprinted on the Grass. this was late in the Evening - after dark Insign Mathews with Ten Men were sent out to reconnoitre this Body & if possible to discover their Fires, he was out for some Time and after a fruitless attempt returnd frustrated by the Thickets the Badness of the Road and the Darkness of the Night

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the next Morning Capt M^cKenzie with 145 Men sett off in Quest of the Enemy before Day, and after patrolling to the West of the Laurel Hill return'd without having discover'd them on their tracks

on the 23 in the Morning we were alarm'd by the Indians who scalp'd a Royal American Soldier without firing on him. 2 Sub^s & 40 Men were detach'd in Pursuit of them but return'd having lost their Tracks in the Creek immediately on their Return I sent off another Party of Thirty Five Men who after a March of Six Hours return'd without Success.

about 4 in the afternoon a Waggener arriv'd with Intelligence that Capt Bullett was attack'd by the Enemy at about 3 Miles Distance from this Place. I order'd Capt Woodward with a hundred Virginians to his Support, but before he had march'd out of Sight Capt Bullett was arriv'd wth about 50 Men, Lt^s Feint & Chew the latter wounded thro the Arm in a half an Hour afterwards arriv'd Lt Mingies of the Virgin: who belong'd to Capt Bullett's Party. he had been posted in the Right at the Commencement of the Action was repuls'd by the Enemy to an Eminence which he Maintained with great Bravery and from thence made Three unsuccessful Efforts on the Enemy at the Waggon's after Capt Bullett had been oblig'd to retreat, and finding the Recovery of them impracticable march'd his Party in in good order on the high Road 17 only surviving out of Thirty. Instantly on the Arrival of Cap Bullett I call'd a Council of War, communicated to them my Instructions for Defence of the Post and ask'd their Advice, Capt Bullett affirm'd the Enemy superior in Force to himself and thought less than 200 Men should not by any means be sent against them. our Effective Force exclusive of Artillery was 266. the Council were unanimously of opinion that we shou'd not march out, on which all repair'd to their Alarm Posts but being consulted again in less five Minutes chang'd their opinion -- in Consequence of which 200 Men ~~was~~ were detach'd, who arriv'd too late for the Enemy but Time enough to extinguish the Waggon's and preserve Twenty Eight out of Forty four Barrells of Pork besides Three hundred and Twelve Pounds Bacon - which the next Day was all brought into the Store, and Three of the ~~eight~~ remaining Waggon's drawn in. the other Eight I shall bring when I can spare Horses, and Leisure to do it. some judge the Number of the Enemy to have been 50.

Capt Morgan with 2 Subalterns and Forty Four Pennsylv^s return'd this Morning from Pittsburg where he deliver'd Flour 3828 lb Baggs included, and Pork 1528 lb - Bags incl: one Bag Rice 197 lb. when this Supply arriv'd they had not one ounce of any kind in the Store, -- and at Turtle Creek on his march was attack'd by an equal Number of the Enemy whom he repuls'd with the Loss of Five of his Party, kill'd in the advanc'd Guard and one wounded his Escort

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entirely preservd and the wounded Man brought in. Capt Morgan is extreemly pleas'd wth the Behaviour of his Soldiers.

in my last I omitted to mention that on the 3^d inst Serj^t Hughes of the Second Battalion of Pennsylvan: was on his Return with 15 Men from hence to Bedford to which Post he belong'd attack'd by a large Party of the Enemy within, Hearing of this Fort the Serjeant who behaved extreemly gallantly and Three of his Party were killd the Rest retir'd in good order towards the Fort from whence they were supported by a large Party at Sight of whom the Enemy ran away.

Capt McKenzie who on the Arrival of Capt Woodward's Party off the Virginians was extreemly anxious to march from hence but being convined that Capt Woodward's Party which had orders from Col Stephen to return to Bedford, was meant as an Escort and not as a Relief, was content to stay -- has now on the Arrival of Capt Bullett insisted on Orders to march and join his Reg^t which agreeable to my Instructions I have given him, tho the want of his Detachment ~~lessens~~ before the Arrival of the whole Virginians will not only weaken the Garrison extreemly, but greatly increase the Fatigue of Escorts at a Time when all Detachments must necessarily be as strong as we can afford.

I need not observe to you Sir the present Distress of Pittsburg in regard to Provisions which I shall do every Thing in my Power to relieve and am sorry to say that without Horses and a still more liberal Supply of Provisions that Task will be next to impossible -- I shall collect all the Horses in these Woods and the next Day after Tomorrow send all the Provisions I can spare, escorted by 130 Men which after the March of the Highlander, is all I can give at the Return of these Horses if they prove incapable of marching again which considering their weakness is not improbable. I can then do no more, this I am persuaded you will fully consider Sir, and allow me the Honor to Subscribe myself

Sir

Your most obedient and very humble Servant

THO LLOYD

Ligonier May 25th 1759 Ten at Night.

killd off Capt Bullets Party on the ffield -- 9

T.L.

[Endorsed] Col. Lloyds Letter to General Stanwix Ligonier 25th May 1759.

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A RETURN OF PROVISIONS

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 180, A. D. S.]

[May 25, 1759.]

A Return of what was saved of Pork & Bacon from the Enemy,
Escorted by Capt.ⁿ Bullet, which was Weighed at Legonier the 24th of
May 1759.

Pork -----	5,197	} lb
Bacon -----	312	

P JOHN ORMSBY: Ass.^t Ag.^t Dict.^r

[Endorsed] Return of Provis.^s in Store at Legonier 25th May 1759

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A RETURN OF PROVISIONS

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 184, A. D. S.]

A Return of Provision in Store at Legonier
the 25th: of May 1759.

Flour (including 765 lb received this day)	6722	} lb
Pork (including what was saved of Capt. ⁿ Bulletts Escort -----	7180	
Beef -----	130	
Bacon -----	300	
Rice -----	130	

P JOHN ORMSBY Ass.^t Ag.^t Dict:

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RETURN OF PROVISIONS

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 183, A. D. S.]

A Return of Provisions in Store at Legonier the 25th of May 1759.

Flour -----	5,722	} lb
Pork (including 5,197 lb. saved of Capt. ⁿ Bulletts)	7,180	
Beef -----	130	
Bacon, saved of Capt. ⁿ Bulletts Escort	300	
Rice -----	130	

N. B. there was 12 lb. of Bacon issued, 312 lb. being what was saved

JOHN ORMSBY Ass:^t Dic:^r

N. B. There is Provision Sufficient at Pittsburgh to y.^e 1st of June & no more

[Endorsed] Return of Provisions at Fort Legonier 25th May 1759.

[note on back]

Flour due to the Baker Byerly	942	} lb
Rec ^d from Connoquojigg people to'day	765	
due	1,707	

The last to be paid for at -- a hundred.

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ADAM STEPHEN TO GENERAL JOHN STANWIX

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 185, A. L. S.]

Bedford May 25th 1759

Sir,

Capⁿ Bullit with a party of Virginians Consisting of Three Subalterns, four Serg^{ts} two D^{rs} & a hundred rank and file, escorting fifteen Waggons with Bacon & Pork for Ligonier, was Attackd a few days ago within three Miles of that place. The Contest continued very hot for Sometime, and both Sides were Alternatly in possission of the Waggons for Several times, but at last the Enemy prevaild, & entirely routed our party; at the Date of my Letter forty were killd, or wounded, or missing, Amongst the wounded is Ensign Chew, dangerously ill.

All the Waggon horses are killd or taken, & five of the Waggons burnt.

Cap^t Woodward, who had some days before carried up a Convoy for Pitsburg; & Cap^t McKenzie, marchd two hundred men out from Ligonier, & savd the Rest of the Waggons with the greatest Part of their Loads.

The Enemy knows the State of the Garrisons & will no doubt, exert their utmost endeavours to Cut off the Communication at this time. No Convoy escorted by a Number much Smaller than the French have at Venango, can be Safely depended on.

Three Escorts have returned latly, & I expect Cap^t Woodward tomorrow. when He Arrives, I shall set out for Ligonier wth a Considerable Supply of flour & fresh Beef. Cap^t Bullit wth the remains of this party, Stays at Ligonier, & I understand Cap^t McKenzie is on his way to this place; I shall be Oblig'd to Leave this post & Juniata in his Care, untill you are pleasd to order a Rilief, in order I may Strengthen the Escort of so Considerable a Supply, with the Pennsylvanians in them Posts.

The Indians have lately taken two Virginia Soldiers prisoners, at Pitsburg, & have killd a pennsylv^a Soldier at that place, & one Very lately at Stoney Creek.

The impunity with which they Commit all these Outrages tends prodigiously to increase their Insolences, In order to check

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which, Secure the Communication, & prevent their Insults; it is absolutely necessary to march up a Body of Troops to this place, I can expect no Convoys to follow me untill that is done. and if I have the misfortune to be drubd -- The Garrisons advinc'd will be in extremly bad Circumstances. I have the Honour to be

Sir,
Your most Ob.^t hu^{ble} Serv.^t

ADAM STEPHEN

[Endorsed] Col. Stephens Lre to General Stanwix Bedford 25th May 1759.

[Addressed] On His Majesties Service To Brigadier General Stanwix
Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in the
Southern Department.

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GEORGE CROGHAN TO CAPT. HORATIO GATES

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 187, A. L. 3.]

Bedford May the 25th 1759.

Dear Sir

I have been here these ten days waiting for an escort, as I could not take upon me to venture the Kings Goods without a good one, as almost every party of ours that travels the Road is attacked, and beat by the Enemy.

Last Night arrived here an Express from Ligonier with an Account that Cap^t Bullet with 110 Men escorting twelve Waggon's loaded with Provisions was attacked on the 23^d in the afternoon within three Miles of Ligonier, and after a Skirmish of a quarter of an Hour was obliged to make the best of his way towards the Fort, having but 36 Men killed, and taken, and five Men wounded, 5 Waggon's burnt,

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and all the Horses belonging to the 12 Waggon taken away, by the Enemy as the garrisons of Ligonier, and Pittsburg, has not above a fortnights Provisions, if the next Escort that goes up should meet with a misfortune, both them Posts must be abandoned, and I assure you that 100 French and Indians would make an easy conquest here.

I have this day sent Cap^t. Montour with 3 Indians through the Woods to Pittsburg to collect all the Indians he can, to come and meet me and to send Messages to the several Indians Settlements to call them to a meeting at Pittsburg, which I hope will enable me to divide the Indians, at least with the Enemy.

Pray make my dutifull Compliments to the General and acquaint him with my sending Montour, and that I expect to set of in a few days. I am

Sir
Your most humble Serv^t.

GEO: CROGHAN

[Endorsed] George Croghans Lre. to Major Gates from Fort Bedford
25th May 1759.

[Addressed] On his Majesty's Service To Cap^t Horatio Gates in
Philadelphia

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CAPT. ROBERT CALLENDER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 191, A. L. S.]

Easton May 26th 1759.

S^r

I wrote you last by M^r Hughes, which is my Duty to let You Know all my Proceedings, I Expect Niext Thursday, friday, and Saterdag to Send from Ridden four Hundred Horses, I thought, When

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I Left Philad^a that I Should Have Loaded them there, but Understands Since that I cannot, But hopes not be so in Carlisle, And if You have Any Proticular Commands to Me S^r Please to Send by the Berar, as I had Not an Opertunity of Seeing the Governor Before I Left town, I Leave the whole affair to You for to Settle with the General concerning My Resining, which You think will be Best for the Service, I hope S^r you will Excuse me the freedom of Giving You so much trouble

from S^r

Your Very Humble Servant

ROB^t: CALENDAR

I Am a Doing all that I can Amongst the Contry people, in Spiriting them up Concerning theire Waggon, And have Insurd them they Shall Goe no furdur than Raistown -- With the first trips that they Should Goe out with

To Colo^l Boquet

[Endorsed] Cap^t Calendar 26th May 1759

[Addressed] On his Majestys Service To Colo^l Henry Boquet Esq^r in Philad^a.

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ADAM STEPHEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 193, A. L. S.]

Bedford May 27th 1759

D^r Sir,

Im perswaded you will not hesitate a moment in ordering me up Some men; when I inform you that the Communication is lind with parties of the Enemy, particularly Indians from this to Pittsburgh.

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Capt. Bullits defeat leaves them still necessitous; and I have only forty men with me; Col. Lloyd has been Oblig to Send Capt Woodward w^t another Convoy to Pittsburg, and I can Send nothing over the Laurel hill, untill I am reeinforced. The Highlanders are on their March down, which Surprises me at this Juncture. I'm sure they cannot be more useful at any place this campaign than here at present. Ten days could have made no great difference.

The Loss of another Convoy ruins the Advance Post. Be Pleasd to order Some Virginians from Winchester to Fort Cumberland, a Man was Scalpd & a Boy taken at that place the night before last, and fifty of the Enemy Could burn the place. I am with the greatest respect,

D^r Sir,
your most Ob^t hu^{ble} Serv.^t

ADAM STEPHEN

P. S. Some of the Enemy has been as low as Cressops

[Endorsed] Lieut.^t Col. Stephens's Letter to Colonel Bouquet.
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ADAM HOOPS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 195, L. S.]

Carlisle May 28.th 1759

D^r Sir.

M^r Ourrey and I arrived here last Night and this day we have laboured Faithfully with the Majestrates and got them to send their Constables out to gather in Waggon's but what success I know not as yet, neither is there any Pastures or Meadows appraized.

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We have forty Horses to sett off to Morrow which will help to Supply for what was taken near Legonier, But what shall we do for Escorts as Eighty Beef Cattle and a Number of Pack Horses lies at Bedford and cannot Stirr, The People here are all a sleep, the Waggoners must be used Roughly at least some of them in the different Countys which will be a Warning to the rest they make fair promises but no performance.

Four of Scotts Waggoners went through this town this day and he told me Ten more were ready to Start I hope M^r Shippen will acquaint you of good Success at Lancaster.

I have here in Pasture 244 fine Sheep and have sent to purchase more. I am afraid the Bad news coming from above will make Waggoners much more difficult to be got if they are not smartly handled, Inclosed you have an Abstract of a Letter dated at Legonier May 25th 1759. I am

Y^r
Your very Hum^{le} Serv^t

AD.ⁿ HOCPS

[Endorsed] Adam Hoops Letter to Col: Bouquet Carlisle 28th May 1759.

[Addressed] To Coll^o Henry Bouquet Adj^t G^e in Philadelphia

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ADAM HOOPS TO GENERAL JOHN STAMMIX

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 189, I. S.]

[Carlisle, May 28, 1759.]

Extract of a Letter from M^r Dan^l Clark Dated May 25th 1759

Cap^t Bullet of the Virginians with a Hundred Men that Escorted 12 Waggoners loaded with provisions at this Place for Legonier, was attack'd and defeated by a Number of French and Indians, the 23^d

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Instant So it happen'd being oblig'd to leave the Waggon and make the best of his way to Legnier having lost about 40 Men in the action, the Enemy destroy'd five Waggon and whatever Provisions were in them & took fifty Valuable Horses with them This was done within three Miles of the Fort.

Bedford improved very fast for every thing that comes stays at it for want of Escorts nothing can proceed, the Cattle that Left Carlisle the 15th are here yet and likely to be for some time. Everything here looks gloomy and Since the 25th of April the road has not been Clear of them

I am
Your Excellencys Most Hum^{le} Serv.^t

AD^m HOOPS

Please to Excuse haste.

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I have here in Pasture 244 fine Sheep.

[Endorsed] Adam Hoops Lre: to General Stanwix Carlisle 28th May
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[Addressed] To Brigadier Gen^l Stanwix at Philadelphia

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COL. JOHN ARMISTRONG TO GENERAL JOHN STANWIX

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 197, A. L. S.]

Carlisle 28th May 1759.

Honoured Sir,

In Obedience to yours of the 14th Ins^t I haveundry times push'd the Majestrates to have the Meadows in all the necessary places apprais'd, this day some of them have promis'd to have it done immediately. they inform me that the people are very uneasy that the Accounts of their Meadows for the last year are not paid nor Settle'd the latter at least ought to be done. in Consequence of an Order from Coll: Bouquet I have appointed a proper person, who is to Ride daily amongst those meadows, to prevent waste, give the necessary directions in Useing them, Superintend the Hay making if any should be made by the troops &c; for this Service the director at this place is to have a Dollar a day. at Shippensburgh & Loudon the like directors are also to be appointed, where I shall go for this & Other purposes in a few dais, and as the districts may not be so large at those Posts may probably get that Service perform'd for less pay. I have appointed M^r Lyon a person well Qualify'd, and known to Coll: Bouquet to reside here in Order to take an acc^t of, and pass receipts to the Contractor's Agents for all kind of Provisions sent from this Magazine, and to Estimate the live Stock, at Eight Shillings a day, if he have any thing farther to do, he must have more pay. from the present necessity of Troops backward, represented to me by L^t Coll: Stephen if I can make Out 50, or 60 Men, who have Shoes & Blankets, they shall March to Morrow - (Kettles, I most doubt of getting) and have wrote Coll: Burd to hasten up the Company of New Levys from Lancaster, and have Smiths at work upon the Arms to put into the hands of the new rais'd troops as soon as they are brought here. those Men as Soon as Others can March up, I hope you'll please to Order back, they being so deficient in almost every necessary. for the present immergency I have made a demand of the Majestrates for a Number of Waggon as far as Bedford & hope One way and another to Muster as many Pack Horses as will take the Loading of the Waggon from that Post. I don't think it my duty to give you the trouble of reading every-

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thing incident to the Servise at this place, but beg leave to assure you, my hand's & head are both full. the want of Money Retards many things.

I am Sir, with great respect
Your Most Ob^t and Most Humb^l Serv^t

JOHN ARMSTRONG

[Endorsed] Col. Armstrongs Lre: to General Stanwix Carlisle
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General Stanwix

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COL. JOHN ARMSTRONG TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 199, A. L. S.]

Carlisle 28th May 1759

Dear Coll:

you may justly Charge me with indolence in writing, having two of your letters by me unanswer'd, the tenor of the first I thought to have had the agreeable Opportunity of answering at York, face to face: and tho' I never long'd more earnestly to See you than that time, the principal Uses of an interview were in a great measure Superceded by your favour left for me at that place, and the new advertisements just come here by M^r Ourry. to the latter permit me to Observe, that the Cash for defraying the Charge of Waggons to be rais'd in this County might be deposited in the hands of some proper person in this Town, which wou'd give ready Springs of Action to the people. M^r Byards, last year Cap^t of the New Levys, has undertaken the affair of raising and paying the Waggons of this

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County at two and a half p Cent, I have pitch'd upon him as a fit person, who having also the Charge of One of the Kings Stores, the two makes it worth his while to attend, he will wait of you (being Oblidg'd to go to Philadelphia) for that Credit or power of drawing, but it were better the Money were at Once put into his, or Mrss's Smiths, or Buchanans hands. I have also appointed a proper person for Director of the Meadows near Carlisle, he is to ride every day among them in Order to prevent fraud or waste, Superintend the Hay-making &c and to have for that Service a Dollar p day.

I have proper persons in View for Shippensburgh and Loudon and as their Circuit of Meadows will not be near so large as at this place, may Probably engage them for less pay, in Order to do this I shall either go up, or Send Capt^t Armstrong immediately. in regard at the Appraisalment of Meadows, please to read the Generals letter, and also the appointment of Mr Lyon to reside here for a Certain Service of Loment, in consequence of an Order from the General. he is a Clerk, and also trusty, I have told the Gener that you know him. I depend intirely upon you for the necessary Warrants or Confirmations of the people appointed in Obedience to his & your own Orders, and hope that no Other Officer shall have power to interfere, but your Selves. please to Send those Authorities for the above by your next, either Blank, or otherwise. Bedford being the principal place of the Kings Horses, I have Sent Crawford who knows the Woods to Collect all at that place, and promis'd some reward. Such as at or near those lower posts, shall be Collecte'd as Soon as they have any Strength, I find there are charges of feeding, care taking &c upon Some of them. in the present difficulties backward of which you will hear by yesterdays express I am Sending at the instance of Lt Coll: Steven, two officers and Fifty Men, from this place & Shippensburgh, they are in a Shocking Situation for such duty, Naked & without One Kettle, I hope you will not forget that they are recall'd as Soon as any Other can March up. I have wrote Coll: Burd to forward a Company of New Levys Said to be at Lancaster, but if you think any thing wrong please to Correct & it shall be Alter'd. yesterday I made a demand of the Majestrates for about 20 Waggon in Order hastily to throw up Flour, as Sundry Posts, especially Pittsburgh are in want, they issu'd Summonses which I have Sent to the Constables to bring the people and their Teams, if that measure won't do, I will be under a necessity of Using force. Bullits affairs is a very unfortunate, and I'm afraid, a very Scandalous One. Croghan I hear is yet at Bedford. things have a disagreeable Aspect, and neither Our manner of making War, nor Our Politicks Seem to have with those Savages the proper Effect. it is possible to avoid attacking the Indian

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Towns, or renewing the War, with the Delawares? the few Pennsylvanians with Morgan have done well. please to excuse this incorrect Letter, and believe me to be,

with very great Affection and regard,
Your Most Ob^t. Humb^l. Serv^t.

JOHN ARMSTRONG

P. S. I don't write the general nor you the twentieth, tryfle I have to do, but assure you, betwixt the Sundry incidents, in the King's Servise, some of the Proprietaries &c I'm not only bussy but offten half distracted, many things might be said which I cannot so well commit writing. Command me as much as you please anything I can do, shall be attempted with Cheerfulness.

J: A:

Colonel Bouquet

[Endorsed] Col: Armstrongs Letter to Colonel Bouquet Carlisle
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LIEUT. LEWIS OURRY TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 201, A. L. S.]

De Carlisle ces 28^{me} May 1759

Monsieur

Dans le Moment il arrive un Express de Bedford, qui apporte de mauvaise Nouvelles, qui sont deja trop publique, je crains qu'elles me mettent beaucoup d'empechement au transport des Provisions & fourages, surtout ny ayant. pas Encore d'Escortes, ni de troupes pour informer.

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J'arrivai icy hier, & je travaille a engager des Chariots à porter les Outils des travailleurs que je mène avec moi, pour cet effet je . . . j serai obligé de laisser l'argent icy pour qu'ils soient seurs d'etre payez à leur retour.

Je tacherai aujourd'hui de trouver des Magazins pour recevoir le fourage qui sera apporté icy, & j'entrevois que j'en trouverai assez d'une Maniere ou d'une autre.

Monsieur Stevenson, ne m'a pu assurer de rien mais il me fait esperer que d'aujourd'hui en huit il portera une Brigade de Waggon de ce Quartier là, le Nombre incertain. Il doit m'envoyer aujourd'hui le Sellier que vous avez engagé

J'ay amené avec moi l'Express qui doit etre pagé icy, mais comme Mons^r Piper le Porteur, part pour Philadelphia Mons^r Le Col^l Armstrong croit qu'il fera autant de diligence que l'Express, qui reste icy pour la prochaine Occasion.

La difficulté des Chariots pour transporter les Outils des Ouvriers, me retardera icy, je crains la plus grande partie de la Semaine [. . .]: On m'a pas encore appressé aucun Pre[. . .] mais j'ai déjà pressé M^r West, & je tallonn[. . .] ces Messieurs pour cela & pour les Magazins.

J'ecris ceci sur la table de M^r Armstrong, & comme M^r Piper attend, je finis, en vous assurant de mes tres humble Respects. Je serais charmé de recevoir de vos Nouvelles avant de partir diez Je suis

Monsieur

Votre tres humble & tres Obedt

L. S. CURRY

[On back of letter] Mons^r le Col^l Armstrong vous écrivez aujourd'hui.

Col. Bouquet

[Undorsed] Lieut^t Curry the 28th May 1759

[Addressed] On His Majesty's Service To Col^l Bouquet of the R. A. R.
Dep^t Adj^t Gen^l at Philadelphia
p^r M^r Piper }

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[TRANSLATION]

Carlisle, May 28, 1759.

Sir:

Just now a messenger from Bedford arrived bringing bad news, which is already too well known. I fear that it will interfere a great deal with the transportation of provisions and fodder, chiefly because we still have neither escorts nor troops to act as escorts.

I arrived here yesterday and am busy hiring wagons to carry the tools for the laborers I am taking with me. For this reason, I shall have to leave money here, so that they will be sure of being paid on their return.

I will try today to locate some warehouses to receive the forage which will be brought here, and I can see that I will secure enough of them by hook or crook.

Monsieur Stevenson could promise me nothing, but he gave me reason to hope that in a week from today a train of wagons will leave these parts; the number is uncertain. Today he should send me the saddler you engaged.

I have brought the messenger with me, and he must be paid here; but, as Mr. Piper, the bearer, is leaving for Philadelphia, Colonel Armstrong thinks that he will make as good time as the messenger, who will remain here until needed.

Our difficulty about wagons to transport the tools belonging to the laborers, will delay me, I fear, for the greater part of this week. No one has yet pressed any [. . .], but I have already pressed Mr. West and I shall compel these gentlemen for this as well as for the warehouses.

I am writing this on Mr. Armstrong's desk, and as Mr. Piper is waiting I will close, by assuring you of my very humble respects. I will be delighted to hear from you before leaving here.

I am, Sir

Your very humble and very obedient servant,

LEWIS CURRY.

Col. Bouquet

[On back of letter] Col. Armstrong will write to you today.

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COL. JAMES BURD TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 203, A. I. S.]

Lancaster 28th May 1759

Dear Sir,

I had the pleasure yesterday to Receive your favours of the 25th. Curr^t; the Advertisements are sent to York, & Cumberland, Mr Simons is making the Baggs & says he will have them done here sooner than at any of the places, as soon as they are made the Numbers shall be sent to the different places agreeable to your orders, Mr Boid is send^g the Tents to Carlisle as fast as possible; I am sorry to inform you that I find great difficulty in getting Wagons the Country is backward, because they say they can't get their Money for last years services, all the Wagons I could get yesterday was 9 to Fort Bedford upon Contract & 4 to Carlisle this day I expect more will come in, I am inform'd that 2 Setts off from Stonars Mill, & severall from Samuel Scotts the Wagon horses will be Shoe'd to day and sent off with loads of forrage to Bedford as soon as possible, I shall leave no stone unturn'd, nor no Methods untryed, to procure the Wagons of this County, but if it was possible the People could be paid it would facilitate the Business much

I sent the govern^r a return before the Receipt of yours, this Morning Capt. Jones's Comp^y March'd from hence to Carlisle Arm'd. - I Rece^d a few lines from Coll: Armstrong this Morning by which I observe a Considerable Escort has been cut off, he Refers me to this bearer, who informs me that Captⁿ Bullet with 100 men was defeated near Fort Ligonier that he lost 40 men 5 Wagons & 50 horses I have enjoined Mr. Pyper to mention nothing of this affair to the Country as it may have a bad Effect at this time I shall be glad to have the particulars of this affair from you. I should have mentioned that Mr. Shippen has sent £ 500 to Col: Armstrong this morning must Conclude as I cant stop the Express with Mrs Burds Compliments to you & hope that you will beleive me with great Esteem

Dear Sir

Your sincerely Affectionate Friend & obed^t serv^t

JAMES BURD

Col: Bouquet.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Col. Burd 28th May 1759

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LIEUT. LEWIS CURRY TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 205, L. S.]

Carlisle May y^e 29th 1759

Dear Col:^l

M^r. Piper was scarce gone Yesterday with the Acc^t of Capt.ⁿ Bullet's defeat; when Charles Boyle arrived with the News of Capt.ⁿ Morgans being attack'd the next Day. As he can give the particulars of both, I refer you to him.

The carrying off the Convoy going to the upper Garrisons was very unlucky at this Juncture, as they are very short of Provisions, had the Enemy destroy'd it, the Misfortune would not have been so great, but their carrying the greatest part to Vinango on our Waggon Horses, is somewhat provoking.

As I don't see any likelihood of geting any Waggons here before the latter end of this Week to carry up the Workmen's Tools, as well as Forrage & Provisions, & that besides, I perceive it is necessary that I should be here to hurry up the first Brigade that is coming from Lancaster, & some of the Harris's Pack Horses expected in to day or tomorrow; I have set the Sawers & Carpenters to work to repair & make Secure some old Stores to contain the Forrage.

I have wrote to Barny Hughes to send here immediately what Horses he has ready to transport Provisions &c:

M^r. Hoops saw Mr. John Wyzer, who has engaged to furnish 2000 perhaps 3000 Bushell of Oats, & Horses [-.-.-] him As Col^l Wyzer is to raise Waggons I suppose they should concert together where they are to receive these Oats.

Your Sadeller Conrad Bott from Yorktown came to me yesterday but want's to be paid for his Pack horses of last year, before he can go. And as neither M^r. Stevenson, nor I, know any thing of his Acct^s nor have any Orders to pay him. I have sent him back with a Letter to M^r. Stevenson to wait your farther Orders. He says he told you he could not come untill he had paid his Debts.

Here I have found an other Express, one Buchannan, already Station'd, by the application of Lieut^t Sinclair in consequence of Gen^l Stanwix's Order, at the rate of Eight Shillings P Day, ride or

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not ride. I mention this that we may all know how many Expresses we have in pay, and that their respective Stations may be /scertain'd, for now there are two at this Place which perhaps is not too many at present.

I have engaged a Forrage Master for one of the upner Garrisons, at a Dollar a Day, /I acquaint S^r John with it/ he is well recommended by M^r Stevenson, having been formerly overseer of one of his Plantations.

I remain D^r Col^l

Your most humble & most obedient Serv

L. S. OURRY A. D. Q. M. C^l

P. S. I should be extreem glad to hear that M^{rs} Middleton the Matron, & M^{rs} Robinson the Nurse of our Hospital are paid their Salaries.

[Endorsed] Lieut.^t Curry Letter To Colonel Bouquet From Fort Bedford Carlisle 29th May 1759.

[Addressed] On His Majesty's Service To Colonel Bouquet of the R. A. R. Deputy Adjutant General at Philadelphia.

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EDWARD SHIPPEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 207, A. L. S.]

Lancaster 30th May 1759

Dear Sir

Your kind favour of the 25th Instant I received with ffour hundred Pounds P Lieutenant Dougal and according to your Orders have

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sent Col. Armstrong five hundred pounds by Jn^o Hays⁺ And the Letters under your Cover I immediately sent away by Express, a lively Spry fellow, with the Advertisements, for M^r Stevenson and Col^o Armstrong.

M^r Simons has received the Bagging Stuff, & I gave him a transcript of your Instructions in relation to it; but he chooses to get all y^e bags made up before he sends, y^e bagging, either, to Reading York, or Carlisle.

Twenty Waggoners are gone off, Eighteen to proceed to Rays Town, & two only to Carlisle. and One to Loudoun.

The Nine Waggoners who came first to Town where chiefly Menists, and tho', they were very willing to go, yet we had a good deal of trouble with them on One Acc^t, the getting them to take an good Loads of Oats: and if M^r Price /while I was absent/ had not promised to be contented with their taking only about 36 bushels each they would not have gone without being prepar[d], which would have caused the greatest Confusion imagineable at this time; their Excuse was, want of room, as they had 35 bushels of Oats & a great deal of Cut Straw & several bundles of hay of their Own to carry; & to take more of us, than y^e Quantity above Mentioned would have raised their Loads too high & so a part liable to fall off on y^e Road. The two Waggoners which are only to go to Carlisle carrying but little provender, took In 90 Bushels each, to be paid 4/ PC^t gross weight, paying their Own ferriage: this is a very common price, So M^r Price says. Stoner sent 2 Load of Flour, and there is 4 barrels in Pughs Waggon and the Rest of the Waggoners are well loaded; but all with y^e Kings Stores, we being obliged to endeavour to please Every body as far as we could in order to make a Beginning.

We find great Difficulty in getting fforage, Bar & Slough having purchased but 1800 bushels Oats & I have recvd None from anybody else, Stoner has been in quest of Spelts but could get None under 2/6 & upwards, fforage would come in fast enough would we give an extortionate price for it A farmer within 5 Miles of this Borough has between two and 300 bushels of Oats by him; but it Seems he cant, i.e. he wont Spare any at 2/P bushel without Complusion.

I have employed four good Hands to buy Oats at 2/ & Spelts &c. &c. allowing the price of $\frac{8}{8}$ Commissions P 100 bushels. And Hans Bar is gone to Tulpehockin to try what quantity he can purchase there. The two hundred & fifty pounds which I recvd y^e 19th Instant

+ M^r Jn^o Hays is a Commiss^r for this County & is the Waggon Master and gone [with this Brigade

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of Mr. Barnard Hubley on your bill on Mr. Neilson I have duly entered in my Book, And I see I have a Credit for £ 1000 On S^d Mr. Jn^o Neilson for which I shall endeavour to get Money here on my Bills in small sums. Mr. Price has written orders from me About shoing the £ 100 horses; & 4 Smiths are accordingly Employed to make y^e Shoes & Nails, which were all who could undertake this business; but for fear of a disappointment you will please to consider whether it would not be very proper to send up a parcel by the first Waggon. I approve much of y^e Dimensions of y^e bags & which are to be made large enough to hold 7 bushels, & tho' Mr. Simons said they would be too big Yet I have advised him to obey Orders. I did not think of this when I was making those for the present Emergency, but if I had made them so large, they might have bursted in carrying as I was obliged to make them of Ozenbrigs or any such sort of weak Stuff as I could pick up on a sudden.

I understand Mr. Scott is sending up ffLOUR, that is I hear so. Captain Hambright is not yet returned from his second journey with for horses. As soon as I can get a parcel shod and drivers, which last, I find very Scarce I shall dispatch them away (with y^e Oats to Bedford) without Saddles (according to y^e Generals order).

I wrote last week to all our Magistrates to do their utmost to in procuring Waggon with y^e [.---.] greatest Expedition, but have y^t had no Returne I Answer, except from Justice Galbreath in Dounagal Township, who only promises a Couple, he says the people are not able to provide Waggon and horses for want of Money & that most of the people thereabouts are in debt for y^e Waggon & horses which they furnished out for General fforges. How it is I cant Say, but y^e General Complaint of y^e People is want of pay for past Services, which disables them from doing what otherwise they are very willing to do; but however I expect more encouraging Acco^{ts} from other Quarters of the County but yet I apprehend I shall be greatly disappointed in getting y^e Waggon.

The Waggon already sent off are [new] directed to the Care of Mr Daniel Clarke at Carlisle by advice of his father In Law Mr. Hoops. You will please to give me full directions as to this, or any thing also which The General orders to be done.

The Express above mentioned is to go no further with y^e Letters aforesaid than to Carlisle if Col^o Armstrong should have an Express Ready to proceed On with them. If I should not hear from y^e rest of Our Magistrates to Night I shall [.---.] send Expresses to them to morrow for to know what Waggon the General may certainly depend Upon; and at y^e same time I shall not omit to

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Mention y^e Article of forage. I shall also assure them that In Case the People do not exert themselves to the last degree at this Critical Juncture (making no more Excuses about things that cannot now be helped) for his Majesties Service, That Measures must be speedily be taken to Compel them to thier Duty.

I had not time to write you yesterday by Johnny Piper y^e Express who carried down the disagreeable News of y^e Defeat of our large Party going between Ligonie[r] & Pittsburg escorting provisions. I am deeply concerned to hear of this. Your Noble General & Self may depend upon it that my whole Attention Shall be on the Service I have y^e honour to be employed about, & that I am with very great Esteem His &

Your most obed^t Humble Serv

EDW: SHIPPEN

please to Excuse blots &c.

Colonel Bouquet

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COL. JAMES BURD TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 209, A. L. S.]

Lancaster 30th May 1759

D^r Sir

This comes by Thomas Hughes The soldier that is to write for you. We have now sent from hence 22 Wagons 18 of which to Fort Bedford, and 4 that Could go no further than Carlisle, as I wrote you yesterday could this county be paid for last year all would go smooth; I find our Wagon horses can't be so soon shoed as M^r. Price Immagined, however they will be fitted out with all possible dispatch, think if 200 sett of horse shoes & Nails were sent up here it

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could be all, I hope Wagons will Continue to come in, I do all in my power to Effect it, I am

My Dear sir

Yours very affectionately

JAMES BURD

your Negroe Boy is quite Recovered of the Measles

[Addressed] To Col: Bouquet Philadelphia
P Thomas Hughes soldier

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COL. JAMES BURD TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. P., Add. 133. 21644, f. 210, A. L. S.]

Lancaster 30th May 1759

Dr. Sir

The bearer Mr. Abraham Bare will be Ready with a Brigade of Thirty Wagons to go from this tomorrow week, I hope you will appoint him Wagon Mast^r., & as he comes to Philad^a. to settle the Accounts of last year, that you will forward his Settlement, & payment if possible, that he may hurry up here Immediately

I always remain

Dear sir,

Yours most affectionately

JAMES BURD

Col: Bouquet

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Col. Burd 30th May 1759

[Addressed] To Col: Bouquet Philadelphia
P M^r Abraham Bare

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ADAM HOOPS TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 212, L. S.]

Carlisle May 30th 1759

Dear Sir

Your of the 25th Instant is come to hand I am Sorry to find the Garrison of Pittsburgh in such Extremity But had the commanding officers at the different Garrisons sent the Supplies off Quickly they might have been there long before the 13th Instant as there is a full sufficiency sent from hence to supply both Legionier and Pittsburg but I find it still remains at Rays Town Capt. Bullets supply being Cut off is very unlucky I am afraid it will bring the Garrison of Pittsburg Once more to Short allowance I hope Col^o Stevenson is Marchd with all the Cattle and Pack Horses I shall do everything that lies in my Power & wish I could do ten times more for it is much wanting, I shall acquaint you of my Success here in my Next as this is the day the People are warned by the Constables to meet here I find none stirs from York till Monday. Your Advertisements are come to hand and we shall Endeavour to get them Signed and immediately dispersed through the Country I shall sett off from hence on Friday next for York & proceed from thence to Lancaster where I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you soon, I can say no more concerning Lancaster Waggon's than I mentioned in my Last which I hope you receiv'd. Inclosed you have a letter from Thomas Harriss. I am

Sir
Your Obed^t. Hum^{le} Serv^t.

AD^m HOOPS

[Endorsed] M^r. Hoops, 30th May 1759

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CONRAD WEISER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 213, A. L. S.]

Reading May the 30 1759

Honoured Sir

Your favours of the 26th of this Instant I received last night by James Annis Express, with a thousand pounds this Currancy for which I gave a receipt to M^r Annis, I expect this day in Reading and at M^r Spukers at tulpchockin 30 Waggon to be appraised with what belongs to them, and to proceed to Carlile laden with oats. I am just now preparing to go up to tulpchochin with two of the appraisers nominated in the advertisement to dispatch the Business, oats and Spelts is very Scare I question whether I can load all these Waggon, people thought 60 Bushels was too much to take to Carlile for the Kings Store, besides their own forrage which will be at least 40 Bushel, Considering they will make more than one Tripe to Bedford, I therefore agreed to fifty for each Waggon to Carry; the Baggs from Lancaster are not as yet arrived. The people will take their own Baggs to Carlile but no further, they say 6 pence is too little for the use of a Baggs to Bedford. I therefore ordered their Baggs to be appraised by the Same appraisers, If in Case they Should be obliged to take them to Bedford. I know of nothing Else to mention now. I remain

Honoured Sir

Your most obedient & humble Servant

CONRAD WEISER

[Endorsed] Conrad Weiser Esq^r May 30th

[Addressed] To The Honourable Henry Bouquet Esquire
Colonel of the Royal American Regiment in Philadelphia
p^r. James Annis Express.

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CONRAD WEISER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 215, A. L. 3.]

[Reading, May, 1759.]

Honoured Sir

I think it Convenient to Inform you that I have put up advertisements according to your orders in the most parts of this County and am Still about it I have not ben Idle ever Since you left us I wrote advertis^{ts} for oats friendly letters to the Constables and Chief Inhabitants of Several Township ef in this County to assist in promoting the Kings Service and have Strong hopes that the first Brigade of Waggon^s will be ready to go from here on Teusday next or at least the day folowing the Brigade to Consist of thirty waggons, I have appointed or rather nominated one Sebastian Zimmerman Waggon Master over this first Brigade, I had Sent word by M^r John Cartier to the old waggonmasters to Except of the Service Next Campaign but they did not appear till yesterday, George tollinger one of them appeared and promised to Serve another year but he must go to Philadelphia first and the Sixth day of June is Nigh at hand want the waggon masters assistance very Much. Bastian Zimmerman is a noted freeholder of good reputation, Served as Waggon master when General Braddock Comanded. I am very glad that he offered his Service, I hope your Honour will Confirm Him. Oats is very Scares I have no more as yet then 400 Bushels a few at 22 per c more than half at 2/. I have wrote to the Several townships to load the first Brigade with oats and Call upon me for the money Instantly, and the Should have it, and I hope they will find enough to Load the first Brigade, the Constables in this town think it a great hardship to be Sent from township to township by my orders or direction without Some recompense or pocket money and I Cannot help thinking they are in the right but without orders I cannot help them and the Service may Suffer or be Slowley Perform^d without their good Services. I would therefore recomend them to your Honours Consideration, I here inclose you one of the advertisement publish^d by your order and I Certainly Expect you will enable me to perform them I have reason to doubt whether the Sixty Waggon^s required of this County may be had by good will and fair persuation, there Should in my humble opinion be Some force in reserve and near at hand for there are among all nation Some I called heads so there are in this County who can make So many objection,

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that even a wit will be puzzled to answer them; and If they would but
be quiet Say nothing If they do nothing, we Could do pretty well. I
wish you health & happiness who am with Sincerity

Honoured Sir

Your most obedient and very humble Servant

CONRAD WEISER.

PS. If I was not a little Bashfull I would beg of you to men-
tion my best Compliment to his Excellency General Stanwix I very
heartily wish him Success in the Ensuing Campaign and joy to his
Generalship

[Endorsed] Conrad Weiser Esq^r Reading May 1759

[Addressed] To The Honourable Henry Bouquet Esquire Colonel of the
Royal American Regiment Philadelphia

(June 2, 1759)

CAPT. ROBERT CALLENDER TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644. f. 217, L. S.]

Ridding June 2^d 1759.

Sr/

I am here with four Hundred Horses And Cannot Get Drivers
for them all, as the Old Drivers is not paid off, they are not will-
ing to Enter again if You would be so Good as to Spake to the
General to let me have forty Drafts of the New levys for one Month,
and at that time the Old Drivers will be paid off And Ready to Engage
I will Either Pay those Drivers so much [Extraordry], or Discount for
so much Cash Rec^d, as theire wages may Come to, Mr. Wisor Informs Me
that ther is no baggs Here, which I have Sent this Day to Lancaster
for two or three Hundred. So that According to Your Orders, I will
Load two Hundred Here and Send the Other two Hundred to Lancaster

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I hope You will Pardon me the Freedom of Giving You so much Trouble

I Am
Sr.

Your Humble Serv.^t

ROB:^t CALLENDER

To Colo.^l Henry Bouquet

[Endorsed] Cap^t Callendar 2^d June 1759

[Addressed] On his majestys Service/ To Colo.^l Henry Bouquet in Philad^a.

(June 4, 1759)

JOHN HUGHES TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 219, A. L. S.]

[June 4, 1759.]

Sir

at the Request of M^r Allen I Take the Liberty to Inform that if any Assistance that I can Give in this City will be of Use to You Towards forward^g the Expedition You may Command me at any Time & I shall be both Ready & willing to Serve You in Every thing in my Power. But from Some Business which I have lately Engaged in I am Doubtfull it will not be in my power to Ride about the County as much as I shou^d. think absolutely Necessary on this Occation in order to Do the Business Effectually.

I am

Sir

Your Humble Ser^t

JOⁿ HUGHES

Sunday Morning June 4th 1759

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P:5 I will wait on You this Evening if Requested.

To Coll: Bouquet.

[Endorsed] M^r Jⁿ Hughes 3^d June 1759

[Addressed] For Coll: Bouquet These

(June 11, 1759)

EDWARD SHIPPEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 220, A. L. S.]

To Col. Bouquet

Lancaster the 11th June 1759

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to acknowledge your favours, two of the 2^d Instant and one of the 4th Poor Mony is doing what he can to recommend himself to the People to be their Waggon Master: but Bare Seems to have the preference. I am very Sorry to hear that Our Assembly have refused to comply with the Generals Request, as £ 100,000 at this juncture, would have effectually set all the wheels agoing; However I hope by the Industry of Col^l Burd & a little of mine, we Shall be able to raise a Couple of hundred Wagons; but it Seems Mr Scot expects a part of this Number to carry the Flour he has engaged to Send to Rays Town and we have promised to Spare him some of them accordingly as he Says he finds himself exceedingly disappointed in that respect. The Col & my Self with Justice Adams have been riding all last week from Place to Place to meet the people who have faithfully promised to furnish Waggon agreeable to our Assessments of the Townships, and had it not been for this, we Should have got none into the service without Compulsion, which

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would have been attended with many inconveniencys. We are to set out again this morning On the same Errand, and don't design to give ourselves any Rest ~~thou~~ until our design is accomplished, if it is possible. Since I have acquainted the ffarmers with the great pains the General has been at in order to pay off y^e old Arrearages, they are a little better Satisfied, but yet notwithstanding if disappoint-ment has had such an effect on the poorer sort, that it has really incapacitated most of them from doing what they now have an Inclina-tion for No more Waggon's Shall be loaded to Carlisle only

It troubles me to tell you that I find forage of all sorts exceeding Scarce nay I shall rather say I find None at all; Neither has he M^r Stoner been able to buy any Since my last: We have in-forced your proposal of y^e Waggon's, carrying 90 bushels &c and some few who have enough in their barns promised to carry it, But three Waggoners called On me Yesterday to assure me they could not make up Oats, Rye, Indian Corn, nor Spelts sufficient for their own horses, On which, I issued out my Warrants to seize 50 or 60 bushels of Oats belonging to a MaleContent, as he could not be persuaded to part with it On amicable terms. I communicated Your favour of the 4th to Col^o Burd. I shall observe your directions in all Respects as punctually as possible. Cap^t Hambright sets off his 100 horses with forage for Rays Town this Morning; but could not venture to carry quite 7 bushels on a horse.

We shall do our possible to prevent any Complaints of y^e People in any Regard whatever. The Col Waits for me & our time is just Spent So must leave off, & Step on horse back to go in pursuit of More Waggon's & forage: Bran is excessive scarce. excuse me for saying that tho it is very good for horses yet not So proper in my humble Opinion to mix with Chopt Rye, as cut Straw is, which may, I think be easily obtained

I am with much Esteem

Dr^r Sr

Your Most Ob. H. S^t

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[Addressed] On his Majestys Service To Colonel Henry Bouquet In Philadelphia.

(Jun. 20, 1759)

JAMES DOW TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. L., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 222, A. L. S.]

Phyladelphia 20th June 1759

Dear Sir

I received yours, and has observed your Orders. I Send you with Serjeant Mackey, who comes with the Generals Baggage,

Shoes	100
Shirts	100
Woolen Stockings	100

There was not a Thread Stockeing in all this place so I bought the Germonton Gray Stockeings, The Account I shall bring with me Discharged as I am to gett the money from M^r Willing In case Mackey Should not find you at Carlisle, I have given him a Memorandum to Delyver them to M^r Clark, you have Sent me a Discharge for that man of your Company, but all that I can doe cannot find him, Norton Sends up every thing this day I Send you Some of the Assembly Acts Concerning the Carriages,

The General proposes Setteing out this week if possible,

If I can doe any thing for you I beg youll let me know I am with all Due respect

D^r Sir

Your most obliged your most Obe: & most Hum: Serv^t

JAMES DOW

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] M^r. Dow's 20th June 1759

(July 5, 1759)

REPORT: ROAD FROM GREAT MEADOWS TO THE MONONGAHELA

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 226, A. L. S.]

[Fort Bedford, July 5, 1759.]

The Road to Redstone Creek turns off at the great Rock five Miles Westward of the great Meadows but the Indian Path from the great Rock is to be kept and that comes upon the Mononghela two Miles above Redstone Creek. where it comes upon the River there is a Ridge upon which is the Remains of an Indian Retrenchment of a circular Form and below is a Creek where a Saw Miln can be made. upon the Point of the Ridge close to the River is a large Tree which I blazed and the joining of the Creek with the River makes a Sharp Point of low Ground. The Post should be made on the Ridge. Serj^t Ferguson P. Troops who was at Carlisle when I came up was of the Party that was willing and can shew the Ground.

The two Artificer Companies of Virginia with Tools could in a short Time clear the Road and make the necessary cover at the Post which might consist of a couple of Log Houses fifty Foot long each, 17 F.^t wide, and ten F.^t high in the Walls, with a Floor of Logs at the Height at seven Feet from the Ground. The Stockade in Proportion To the Number of men thought necessary to be there and if to be continued all Summer could easily prepare Cover for the Winter.

The Tools necessary are	
Falling Axes	150
Broad D ^o	10
Wedges of Iron for }	
splitting timber }	6
Trows	6
Drawing Knives	4
Whip Saws &ca	2
Cross Cut D ^o	2
$\frac{1}{2}$ Barrel 12 ^{dy} / nails	
2 Grind Stones	

These Tools cannot be sent from here till the Rem^r of the Stores are sent up as there are only two Barrels of Nails come up and a very few Trows.

If thought necessary an Engineer as soon as the Road is opened might be sent to give Directions concerning the Post but none

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will be wanted about the Road as the Indian Path ought to be kept till it comes to the Mononghela.

Fort Bedford 5.th of July 1759.

HARRY GORDON.

[Endorsed] Report concerning The Road from the great Meadows to the Mononghela

(July 12, 1759)

MAJOR JOHN TULLEKEN TO GENERAL JOHN STANWIX

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 228, A. L. S.]

Camp at Fort Bedford 12.th July 1759.
One o'clock in the afternoon

Dear Sir.

I hope you have rec^d. my express that I sent from here on the 9.th instant as likewise another letter dated 11.th one in the morning to be forwarded to you from Post to Post. In the first was inclosed to you Col. Stephens account of the attack of his Fort and Cap^t. Cochranes letter from Stoney Creek. In that to be forwarded from Post to Post /which I have now advise got safe to Juniata/ was Cap^t. Cochranes second letter from Stoney Creek, given an acc^t. of the Enemies attack on a small party of his, And I inform'd you of the measures I had taken for the better securing the Communication &c. and that I had likewise sent an express to Col. Bird of the Virginians to desire he would push on, imagineing from the intellegence I than had that he was at Fort Cumberland, and for that reason acquainted you that I did not think it necessary to send up more troops to this Place.

I am so unhappy as not yet to have heard from Col. Stephens since his first acc^t. dated the 7.th, Nor from Cap^t. Cochrane since his letter I sent you dated y^e 9.th from Stoney Creek. yet I have sent three expres's to Captain Cochrane, two of them went from here on the 10.th in the morning. By Each of them he has my orders for marching

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on to Fort Legonier with Fifty horses loaded with flouer and Fifty oxen. Cap^t. Cochrane is Four hundred strong all americans which I think is more than a match for any thing he can meet with.

By the inclosed from Captain M^cKenzie you will judge when I shall see Col. Bird. Cap^t. M^cKenzie tho' he does not mention it in his letter has forwarded my express to Col. Bird, in which I am very pressing to the Colonel to march on, and I have desired him to leave his Baggage to follow. Major Livingston arrived here yesterday from Fort Cumberland and by him I received Captain M^cKenzies letter, I ~~return~~ inclose you his return of Stores &c at Fort Cumberland.

about Five oClock yesterday afternoon came here M^r. Morton Waggonmaster from Juniata, he had a servant with him and M^r. Armstrong the Commissary. They came in pritty much in a hurry and informed me that they had been fired upon by Indians about four miles from this place, a Ball had gone thru' his servants coat and M^r. Armstrong lost his saddle bags in which he assures me there was no letters. M^r. Morton informed me that there was nine Waggons with an escort only of Five men not above two mile back from the place he was fired at loaded with stores &c. I turn'd out Fifty Americans immediately with a Cap^t. and two Subs and also ordered Cap^t. Price who had came in safe in the morning with 44 Provincials of his own and other Comp^{ies} to march directly and if possible to save the Waggons. This detachment mett the Waggons about seven mile from hence all safe. As it was dark when Cap^t. Schlosser got to the Waggons and the roads very bad he thought it proper to halt and stay where he was till light. and kept Cap^t. Price with him. I had sent Cap^t. Price at his own desire he informing me that it was his Comp^y that was orderd to Garrison Littleton and that he had left all his things there. In the morning just as the two parties were seperating, C. Schlosser to come here with the Waggons and C. Price to march for Juniata, a Provincial who was about Thirty yards from them geting a horse of his officers, was killed and scalp'd in a moment in sight of the whole, They run up directly to the fire but the enemy got of. Two of the Indians appeard in clean white shirts supposed to be M^r. Armstrongs. Cap^t. ~~returnd~~ Schlosser returnd to camp safe with the Waggons. This must be very troublesome to you my being so particular, but as I am acquainted with the false reports that go down the Country upon every little thing that happens, I at this juncture thought it necessary.

As my strength here at present is only 200 americans. Cap^t. Broadheads Company of 80 and 130 artificers. In Storev Creek

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not above 24 men and an officer. so that I imagine I must send somebody there, and being disapointed in my expectitions of the Virginians, together with and having a great deal for my people to do here what with escorts. guards for the Horses and oxon, necessary scouts, Camp duty &c &c &c. The enemy now all around me, and all along the Communication. I begin to doubt wither it will not be necessary for you to send up more Troops; Cap^t Gordon cannot go without a strong escort, which I cannot give him till C. Cochranes return, and as Col. Mercer informd Col. Stephens some time ago, that nothing could go safe with less than Five hundred men, I do suppose that Col. Stephens will send C. Cochrane to Pittsburgh, so that I do not know when I shall see him again. I am uneasy at mentioning those things to you, as I would not have you imagine that I would not do everything in my power and with as few troops as possible, and as I know your intention was to have as few Forces up as possible, Till such time as a proper quantity of Provisions was got up. but as things are at present, I thought it my duty to be very particular here.

My opinion of the Enemy is that, without they are very strong indeed, that they are divided into parties and are all along the Communication. If they are very strong, they may still Block up Ligonier, and send only a few here to alarm us.

But I do not well know what to think of being so long without hearing from Col. Stephens or indeed Cochrane. Cap^t Cochrane I imagine is strong enough, and he has my orders by two of my expresses to him to get into F Ligonier at any rate. I thought this necessary from the want of Provisions Pittsburgh must certainly be in as well as Ligonier -- Ligonier indeed has plenty of Flour -- But I think Cap^t Cochrane cannot fail.

I am

Dear Sir.

Your very greatly obliged very obed^t

And very hum^{ble} Serv^t

JN^O. TULLEKEN

P: S: It is now Five o Clock In the afternoon and no accounts from above. I intend sending out about seven oClock this Evening a small Party to go as far as Stoney Creek in hopes of getting some intellegence, and if I hear nothing before Five in the Morning shall send off another.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Major Tulleken
12th July 1759

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CAPT. GAVIN COCHRANE TO MAJOR JOHN TULLEKEN

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 230, A. L. S.]

Fort Ligonier July 12th 1759

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to Acquaint you that yesterday morning a little after the firing of the morning gun the Escort & Convoy under my command Arrived safe here without leaving one man on the Road in so tedious & difficult A march. we left Stony Creek at 12 o'clock noon on the 10th march'd 12 long miles & came to clearfields where the men were ordered to refresh themselves but not pitch their tents, & some time After I acquainted them of a Resolution concerted before we march'd but which I did not think proper to let be known on the march for fear a stragler should be taken: I told them as they had behaved so well on every occasion every one of them should have A dram & that I designed to march them in the night to Fort Ligonier, they All very chearfully agreed to it nor did one man complain. we left clearfields a little After sunset: there was a strong Advanced Guard; Cap^t Jocelyne commanded the two Companies in front & I ordered Mr Blane & his detachm^t to go with him As being Acquainted with the Road & dangerous places & that he should advance before & take post on such places As he thought the enemy might hurt us from: Mr Hay had Also in the front 18 light infantry: we took the loaded horses between the Divisions: Cap^t Campble commanded 2 Companies in the Rear; I was in the Center of My Detachm^t; wh^h made the Center Division after Cap^t Campble's command came the oxen covered by the Rear Guard: every commander of A Division had some light Infantry to send & Acquaint me of whatever happened: but on All emergencies the Capts of the Front & Rear were to give such orders to these Guards As well As their own Divisions As they thought proper; we march'd with the greatest silence over a most rocky & terrible road: I have Already told you when we Arrived here, so you may judge how long we were on the march. we had some trifling false Alarms, but which neither bred confusion, occasioned noise, or were much minded. we had most terrible rocky & steep roads & where we were not troubled with stones, the roads were most intolerably slippery, before we set out from Stony Creek I ordered such loads of Weak horses as would not be Able to perform the march to be left at Stony Creek & A Receipt taken for them, but the horses to be brought with us, that in case Any of the loaded ones failed we might use them, we only left on the Road in the night one load, the horse died. to Add to the solemnity of the night march we had plenty of thunder lightning & rain which I look'd upon in our favour, & the poor men kept all their pieces

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very dry & in good order. there was the greatest unanimity in the officers; love, & respect, & Alertness of the soldiers: so that we all thought ourselves happy in one Another: & at our refreshment before we began our night march, mirth, joy & even punns were in great Abundance I thought myself happy in every officer was with me; Mr Blane himself offered to take the post I assigned him on the march & without him we should have been At A very great loss.

On our march to Stony Creek, & there, the Drums & fifes made their usual noise morning & evening, to show the men we were not affraid of the enemy, & to make the enemy believe we were much stronger than we were: we first pitch'd our tents at Stony Creek & there made An Appearance As if triple our number: the few Indians who did us the mischief were I Am persuaded surprized to find the Appearance of An Army there. Stony Creek is a most dangerous Post to encamp at: I was obliged to have one half of the men on duty to cover the Camp, ordered Redans for All the Guards & advanced Posts, & not An hour before the Sentry was shot visited alone every Guard & every Sentry, brought those Sentries nearer I thought At too great A distance from their Guards, Allotted them all good trees & bid them cover themselves well, but this unlucky Sentry had neglected my Advice. things were not well managed at that Serjt's Guard or these Indians would not have escaped: the other gentlemen persuaded me to drop An enquiry & gave me reasons for it: in the evening after the alarm I ordered the picket to be reinforced, & had All men under Arms in order to Speak to them: I told them I was sorry to put so very good men on so hard duty but hop'd none of them would believe it was unnecessary & therefore would not complain: they All chearfully Answered none of them grudged it. I told the light Infantry I must reduce their number for I had not men Suffi-
cient for the Guards; they all made Answer they would both mount Guards & do the duty of light Infantry. I thought it necessary to be thus particular for the honour of the Reg^t that morning we were to march Stony Creek a gun went off by Accident on the hill, the men took it for Indians & those nearest that quarter catch'd up their Arms & run towards the fire with such keenness that Cap^t Jocelyne with difficulty restrained them by Assuring them it was An Accident. I can't help mentioning what Cap^t Campble observed: he said everything was so quiet & composed Amongst us that he was sure our friends at Bedford & Ligonier were much more uneasy for us than we were.

I would have persuaded Col^l Stephen to send off An express yesterday but he thought it better to delay it till this night. he has sent for Cap^t Woodward to come here from Pittsburgh in order to join part of our Battalion & escort the Convoy there, & has ordered me to stay till the Escort returns here. Cap^t Woodward is not yet

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Arrived. I am

Dear Sir

Your Obed^t & hub^{le} Serv^t

GAVIN COCHRANE

P: S: Killed at Stony Creek W^m Gordon of Cap^t Jocelyne's Company Wounded, Philip Lynch of Cap^t Cochran's Missing: Corp^l Howarth of Cap^t Schlossers, George Kenyon & Michael Miller of Cap^t Cochran's. the number of sick is trifling so that After so hard A march the 4 Companies & my detachment Are I may say As strong a body As ever, & A very respectable body One; As is my detachment only.

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Since writing the Above accounts from Pittsburgh are such As you will see, but no immediat danger for the Convoy going there, yesterday there were orders that my detachm^t should take the Guards this day As the 4 Companies were to escort to Pittsburgh & this day I went out on a command for the same reason: Cap^t Campble & Cap^t Jocelyne have since Started a difficulty & think it is my turn to go; I represented that I had done a command in coming here & that if I had not, such duty must be endless, they Are very positive in it & I no less to the contrary. Coll^l Stevens is of the same opinion with me but did not chuse to give A full determination As yet; whereever I am called I will go, I told them so, but that I would insist on A hearing Afterwards; when some further dispute happened, I told them I would order the 4 Companies to go & should reinforce them to the number from my detachment As Also send men in room of such of theirs As Are unfit for marching. I knew this was your intention, I am a party concerned & therefore will go in room of Cap^t Campble rather than seem selfish, if it can't be other ways settled. I'm sorry for these disputes but I must do justice to myself & my detachment.

indeed, Dear Major, publick affairs Are in A Strange Situation this compaign. I'm sorry for it. this department will not be what it was expected. the not opening the road from Virginia to supply the troops is much talked of & many other things.

I beg you'll finish that affair of Cap^t Harding's As it gives me uneasyns; in case I am detained here speak to Cap^t Ethrington or Mather to cause take care of my things & that they Are safely brought up; As Also to have an eye to my Company, I left only money for one week the rest is lock'd up in my trunk & I did not chuse to leave the key, so I hope you'll get it supply'd. I must draw on Barnsly for money, the detachm^t & officers have no money, & the men want many necessaries.

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MAJOR JOHN TULLEKEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 232, A. L. S.]

Camp at Fort Bedford 13th July 1759.
Five in the afternoon

My dear Sir.

When I write to the General or to yourself I look upon it as if I wrote to Each of you. And I direct my letters accordingly.

As I have much to do here I beg you will make my best respects to Maj^r Gates and tell him I am extremely obliged to him for his favour and assure him that no one thing but hurry of business could have hinder'd my acknowledging his kind favour, and that I hope he will not think the worse of me for it.

I have rec^d a letter from Col. Bird in answer to mine to him. he is pressing forward without his Baggage upon it, and I am in hopes of haveing Three hundred of his People here by Wednesday next, which will enable me to do things as I could wish.

No accounts as yet from above, but depend upon it Cochrane is so strong that all is safe. I have out /with orders to go even as far as Ligonier if occassion requires/ Three different scouts for intellegence.

In Scholssers affair which I acquainted the Gener^l with. the Savages went of in so much hurry, that Cap^t Price has taken Eight of their Blankets, and Geiger who I have Posted at Juniata asshures me that the are Delawares Blankets.

I inclosed in the letter directed to the General or you, I sent you Major Livingston account of stores at F. Cumberland

You will be greatly disappointed if you expect wee have cutt much Hay at this place, or if you expect to find any Grass here. But Maj^r Livingstone tells me that there is above Fifty acres you may cutt within a few miles of Fort Cumberland if necessary.

It is my opinion that the greatest part of the Enemy that appear'd before Ligonier or are return'd home, yet I cannot tell for certain, But this you may depend upon that many of them are on the

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Communication even as far as Loudoun. I have sent orders to the different Posts /and I know the orders arrived time enough to them/ not to send a less escort than Thirty men, as well with the returned Waggon &c as those that were loaded. And have beg'd everybody in general not to alarm the Country.

Excuse my dear Sir the hurry in which I write, it does not proceed for want of a desire to please, I am in truth much hurried, [Z]

I like to see every thing done myself, and I am in high good health.

I am with infinite respect

My Dear Sir

Your sincere friend

Very obed.^t and very hum.^{ble} Serv.^t

JN^o TULLEKEN

Col. Bouquet.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Major Tulleken
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MAJOR JOHN TULLEKEN TO GENERAL JOHN STANWIX

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 233, A. L. S.]

Camp at Bedford 14th July 1759.

Dear Sir.

I here only give you the heads of the intelligence I have just rec^d from Ligonier and Pittsburgh. the letters are coming to you by an officer with an Escort with the Particulars.

By intelligence brought in the 11th in the evening to Pittsburgh it appears that the Enemy are arrived at Presque'l from D^etroit with about seven hundred French and Indians, with Ten Cannon

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two of which are supposed to be Twelve Pounders, and intended to proceed immediatly to attempt Pittsburgh or Ligonier. The Enemy have horses and every necessary to Transport Artillery &c from Presquel to Le Beef, and their whole Force when join'd, those at Venango &c will be Eight hundred French and its feard a Thousand Indians.

I am

Dear Sir

Your obed^t hum^{ble} Serv^t

JN^O TULLEKEN

P: S: Col. Mercer says that the treaty lately held with the Indians at Pittsburgh ended to the mutual satisfaction of both Parties and some chiefs are gone to endeavour to get the other Indians from the French interest.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Major Tulleken to General Stanwix 14th July 1759

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MAJOR JOHN TULLEKEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 234, A. L. S.]

Camp at Fort Bedford 14th July 1759.

Dear Sir.

The inclosed letters from Pittsburgh and Ligonier I have this Moment rec^d

Tomorrow morning I shall send from hence Captain Gordon with his one hundred artificers, Captain Brodheads Company. And one hundred more Americans, I shall than be left here with one hundred Americans only.

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I would have gone up myself but C. Gordon thinks I had better stay here for the arrival of the Virginians to whom I shall immediately send another express.

I shall send all the oxen and horses I have here with this Detachment -- of oxen there will be about one hundred -- and about Three hundred horses with flouer -- No Waggon can go, as there is no stoping for them at this time -- But shall go with the Virginians as soon as Col. Bird arrives.

I am

Dear Sir.

Your obed.^t Serv.^t

JN.^O TULLEKEN

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GEORGE CROGHAN TO GENERAL JOHN STANWIX

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 235, A. L. S.]

Pittsburgh July 15, 1759.

Sir

Yesterday evening arrived here two Six Nation Indians from Venango, that I had employed as Spies, and give the following Intelligence, They arrived at Venango the Eighth where they see about Seven Hundred French, and four hundred Indians, the French Commandant asked these Spies where they came from, they told him from Scioto where they lived, upon which the Command^t told them they came from the English Fort, and asked them where they hid the the four English Men they brought with them, they denied they had brought any, he persisting in it that they had; the Indians bid them go and hunt them upon which he sent out a large Party of French, and Indians,

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who did not return till late in the afternoon without success, for there was no Englishmen with them.

The 9th the Command^t sent for these two Indians told them he was going to destroy the English in a few days, and said he expected they would go with him, & then told them this day will come here two Hundred Indians, to morrow two Hundred more, and next day two hundred more, then we shall set of, these Spies told him they would consider of it, and when the Indians came they would give him an answer, they say that about two hundred Indians came that day, about as many more the next, and about 150 the 11th. The Command^t then told the Indians he would speak his Mind to them the next day.

The spies say that as fast as the Indians came the Officers were employed in fitting them out for the Expedition, that the French had a prodigious quantity of Goods, & that they gave them away very liberly. all the Indians were Clothed by the 11th at Night, and about 10 o'Clock on the Morning of the 12th the grand Council was opened, when the Commandant thanked all his Children the Indians for joining him, & desired them to prepare themselves as he intended to set of against the English Fort the next day, & then threw down the War Belts. there was two Six Nation Indians in this Council who had arrived there the day before, one of which got up and made a Speech to all the Indians, telling them their Father was rather in too great a hurry and desired them to consider some time on what they were going to do, & delivered the Indians a large Bunch of strung Wampum, which threw them into some confusion, and before they got out of it two Indians arrived with a Packet of Letters, & delivered it to the Command^t who immediately opened it, and after reading talked a great deal to his Officers, then spoke to the Indians, and said Children I have bad news to tell you, there is a great Army of the English coming against Niagara with Sir William Johnson who has with him all the Six Nations, with a great Number of other Indians who live that way. I have received Orders to go directly to Niagara and take you with me, we must give over the thoughts of going down this River till we have drove the English away from Niagara, you know the Consequence that place is of, both to you and us, if the English take it you must be poor, as it is stoping the Road to your Country. Children be strong and support your father at this time.

Our Spies also say that only three Cannon had arrived there, that 5 more they expected that Night. that the French Command^t ordered all the Battoes to set up the River, and to turn those that were coming down back, so that they only see the three Pieces, that

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a great number of Indians was tying up their Bundles to set of, and some gone, and that about thirty large Battoes were set of to go back before they came of, that they think the French will endeavour to divide the Indians leaving some of them behind to annoy us on the Road. that three Shawnesse will be down in two days who promised them to stay, and see what number stayed & what went away, and to bring a certain account of it, and they promised them that they should be well paid for their trouble; that the 13th some of the Party that attacked Ligonier returned to Venango but brought neither Prisoners or Scalps, and said that they had one Man killed and one wounded. That soon after they arrived four Indians who had been watching the Road about Stony Creek came in and informed the French Command^t that the English Army was come over the great Mountain /the Allegheny/ with a great number of Horses loaded, and Cattle, that there could not be less than a Thousand Men. The Indians that were with the French were of twelve different Nations and had Colours fixed at the head Warriors Tent of each Nation.

That 19 Wayondotts the whole that were with the French set off for their own Country before these Spies left that. The three Shawnesse mentioned above the whole of the Shawnesse that were with the French are not yet arrived, but hourly expected. Twenty Wayondotts are arrived here this day from over the Lakes who say that the Chief Man of their Nation with seventy more are on their way here The Goods I have here are unsorted & but few of them, and as I have received no answer to my former Letters, I dont know how I am to be supplied whether you will purchase them below or give me orders to get them here I am

Sir

Your most obed^t humble Serv^t

GEO: CROGHAN

To Brigad^r. G: Stanwix.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Cap^t: Croghans Letter to
General Stanwix Pittsburgh 15th July 1759

[Addressed] On his Majesty's Service To His Excellency Brigadier
General Stanwix Commander in Chief of his Majestys
Troops on the Southward Expedition

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MAJOR JOHN TULLEKEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 237, A. L. S.]

Camp at Fort Bedford 18th July 1759.

Dear Sir.

This instant arrived here Captain Grub of the Pennsylvania Regiment with Thirty Six Waggon's from Carlisle. This Gentleman informs me that an express from Lancaster had pass'd him two or three Miles on this side Fort Littleton, and that when he -- Cap^t. Grub -- came with his Company within Three miles of Juniata he found the horse which the express [used] rode kill'd upon the road and concludes the man to be either kill'd or taken Prisoner, this happen'd on Monday the 16th instant; as I am ignorant of what consequence his dispatches might be, I thought it my duty to acquaint you of the accident as soon as possible.

I have nothing from above since I wrote you by Lieut^t Baily, and the day after by Pendergrass, both of whom I am inform'd got safe to Littleton so that I conclude they are with you long ere now.

I have not had the pleasure of a line from the General or you, or any body your way since your favour of the 6th instant; and which was before any thing Material had happen'd.

I expect Col. Burd here tomorrow, and if I hear Nothing from you before that time, I shall advise him to march immediately for Ligonier with such Proviision and other things as may be necessary.

I hope C. Mather and C. Gordon will be safe in Ligonier by this time, which is allowing four days for their march.

If Cap^t. Mather get safe into Ligonier with this Convoy, and I have no reason but to believe that he will, there will be than up above a months Proviision for all the troops above us, and Col. Byrds Five hundred also; If the General or you are coming up it is absolutely Necessary that you have a strong escort from Littleton at

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least, as I am very certain that there cannot be less than Twenty Savages between Littleton and this Place by all accounts I have, and there is no knowing but that they may be also between Forts Littleton and Loudoun.

I long much to hear from you, I shall be unhappy till I do. God knows what will become of our Garrison at Pittsburgh if they are not relieved. And I begin to fear that wee are already too late to help them. Ligonier must certainly be safe, at least I hope so; I am not apt to dispond, but my dear Sir wee are too backward;

I fear our Battalion -- By what I can see our only hopes -- is already lost. I fear Col. Stephens has sent C. Cochrane with above two hundred of them to Pittsburgh. the rest except one hundred of them on here are I hope by this time in Ligonier.

Be expeditious my dear sir, or /if our accounts are true -- which I hope you have rec^d -- /wee shall be greatly behind hand.

I am

Dear Sir

Your very Obed^t hum^{ble} Serv^t

JN^O. TULLEKEN

Col. Bouquet

P: S: By L^t Baily you have the strength of the Enemy -- 6 or 7 hundred French with Eight or Nine hundred Indians and Ten Pieces of Cannon, two of which 12 Pounders.

By Pendergrass you have it confirm'd. I think when C. Byrd comes were you or the Gener^l. Here wee are strong enough to take the field.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Major Tulleken
To Col. Bouquet July 18th 1759

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COL. ADAM STEPHEN TO GENERAL JOHN STANWIX

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 239, A. L. S.]

Ligonier July 18th In 8 O'Clock
at night.

Sir,

I have now dispatchd six expresses with matters of importance and am uneasy about receiving no answer, or any Acct^s from below.

I suspect They have fallen into the hands of the Enemy

The Convoy I hope has arrivd Safe at Pittsburg, but the Quantity was not at all equall to the trouble of escorting it.

This place was in a very bad posture of defense, the Small trial wee had gave us opportunity of discovering our weak side, and no pains has been spard to put it in a better situation. A few days labour will enable us to dispise any Number, without artillery In the mean time we are much upon the Watch.

Amidst our great hurry, & when the assistance of every particular Officer & Soldier was much wanted, I have been obligd, contrary to my inclination, & after the failure of all soft measures to put Lt Biddle of the Pennsylv^s under arrest. He wantonly Confind the Contractors Agent here, without complaining to me, or informing me of his grievances; and after Cap^t Cochran & two or three more Officers, to whom I referd the Affair, had informed him of his mistake: he with a great deal of Stubborness confind him the second time & threatened him w^t Irons. This compleatly interrupted the service. M^r Givin refused to Act, untill I passd my word of honour that Satisfaction should be done him for the unwarrantable Usage and I labourd two or three days to accommodate matters in an Amicable manner, & when that faild, I found I could do better w^tout M^r Biddle than as Usefull a publick Officer as the Commissary

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I have nothing new since the 13th which I hope has come to hand by some of the many Expresses sent down. I have the honour to be

S^r
Your most ob^t hum^{ble} Ser^t

ADAM STEPHEN

Gn^l Stanwix

[Endorsed] Colonel Stevens's Letter To Gen^l Stanwix Legonier
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LIEUT. JAMES GRANT TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 241, L. S.]

Camp at Lake George July 18th 1759

D^r Sir

When a letter comes from head Quarters; one naturally expects to have it fraught with news and the freshest intelligence but so far to the Contrary in our army there never was a sett of people more in the Dark every man but the General being ignorant what is to happen next hour & indeed so closs every thing is kept that we Dont so much as pretend to give Scope to conjectures so common a thing in every army. Our light Infantry are constantly by turns on the tops of the neighbouring mountains but have never fallen in w^t any of the Enemy altho they contrived to scalp within sight almost of the Camp a few of y^e Jersey Regiment that went out without leave to cut bows in the edge of the wood they had layen their arms by, and the Enemy creeped between them and their firelocks while they were at work, some Companys of light infantry ran out, but they got to their Batoes before they could reach them The General was Displeased & allows no working partys go out without an armed force to cover them. A

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Little while ago a large party was sent up the lake w^t Batoes to scour the Islands where they observed some of the Enemy but Monsieur finding we had cannon, took their canoes which sailed better than batoes, & escaped the encounter

General Amherst has adopted Poor Forbes's scheme and yours of carrying on the war in the wilderness by strong posts for he has established no less than three [.---.] between fort Edward & this Camp; & another here but not on the Ground where fort William Henry stood. We have been building Redows, flat Bottom boats & raising the Sloop & now everything is in great forwardness & as far as I, (who am by no means in the Counsels of the Great) can Judge we must embark in a few Days. The Army is healthy & full of expectation. I have the pleasure to acquaint you that an express arrived in Camp from Colonel Haldiman last night giving account that General Predeaux left Aswego w^t no less than seven hundred Indians & assurances from other savage nations that they would Join him, which must secure him against a surprize & with the Artilery & force that [.---.] he carries along affords great hopes of success: on the 5th of July early in the morning Colonel Haldiman who was left w^t eight Companys of the 4th Batalion of Royal Americans & some Provintials to establish a post at Aswego was attacked by Monsieur Lacorne a famous partisan w^t fifthteen hundred french & Indians. The attack lasted from morning to night when the Enemy thought proper to retire; all this Day I am told the Colonel, Who had repaired the old lines & got his troops posted within them, made his people rather keep up their fire & concealed his artilery because the attack made by the Enemy was rather Distant & under cover in their usual way. on the 6th Monsieur Lacorn renewed the attack with great vigour & came very closs when the Grape shot & small arms played w^t such fury as obliged the Enemy to quit their desighn & retire with loss and confusion, Their Indians scalped their own Dead that we might not have the oportunity, Colonel Haldiman is justly applauded for his conduct in mantaining w^t so much prudence & valour a post of such General consequence & immediatly conected w^t the safety of General Predeaux's army.

Having scribled out all the talk of the Camp Give me leave to trouble you with a little bussiness which I Do without apology as Im satisfied you do not grudge your services to your freinds

You know When we left Ligonier the horses of the army were all either Starved or lost by which means Major Grants baggage was left behind under the care of the Commanding officier at fort Ligonier I wrote Capt^t Alexr M^ckenzie to endeavour to bring them down along w^t him but he tells me the same difficulty still sub-

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sisted w^t regard to carriage as before and they are still left behind. I would therfor beg the favour of you as there are now many return wagons to send them down if not w^t Captain Robertson by the first convenient oportunity to Philadelphia to be lodged w^t M^r Inglis where his books and Cloaths are or with John Sutor who has the care of our Regimentall stores there, The Commanding Officier at Ligonier has an Inventory of them & will deliver them to your order among other things there are two trunks which contain papers its therfor necessary they be sent at any rate & particular charge given of them.

Colonel Montgomery desires his Compliments to you & General Stanwix & begs the favour Youl exert yourselves in recovering the prisoners among the Indians taken in Major Grants affair particularly L^t M^cDonald & M^r Charles Grant a Volunteer who came from home under Major Grants protection, if this oportunity of treating w^t the Indians when you are in their Country, is overlooked; its hard to Say how long those poor people may remain in Slavery

We had two flags of truce from the French one some time ago intimating that there was a Cartell settled for the exchange of all prisoners but Im affraid we shall not see our poor Major this campaign & what is more that he may suffer in his preferment by not being on the spot for his is oldest major in this army, such cruel circumstances are eneough to surmount the resolution of the most resigned & Determined Philospher almost eneough to make a man hang himself. Youl be apt to think by this time I'm no Philospher therfor I shall Drop that subject.

The other flag of truce which came last night, the purpose of it is not yet made publick but as far as I can learn it was in order to find out if we had been reinforced from Quardaloupe.

We hear nothing of M^r Wolfe. L^t Otter of the Royal Americans was killed in the attack upon aswego & the Engenier wounded & by the Information of a Deserter Monsieur LaCorne was shot thro the thigh.

I wish you sucess and happiness, Compliments to Cap^t Hay of the Artilery Cap^t Campbell L^t Ridge Bailie Cap^t Gordon, Oury Major Tulikeen and our other acquaintances in Your Regiment & Believe me to be with great regard

D^r Sir

Your most obedient humble ser^t

JAMES GRANT

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N.B if anything occurs in our army worth your hearing which I doubt not, I Shall take the liberty to acquaint you with it, & shall be happy at the same time to hear how you go on

J.G.

Colonel Bouquet

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Lieut.^t James Grant 18th
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ABRAHAM LE ROY TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 243, A. L. S.]

Lancastre Ce 21^{me} Juillet 1759.

Tres honorable Col:^l

Je prend la liberte de vous adresser celle-ci, m'y voyen obligé parapoure a feu M^r Hesse, ensuite d'une Lettre du 10^{me} Courent que M^r C Schevighouser ma Ecris de Philadelphie, pour reponce d'une que ie lui avoit envoye pour l'imformer de vos ordre et Lavoir Ce quil feret voici ou vous pouré voir vous même la Copie de Sa Lettre.

Comme M^r Bouquet set emparé des Eifet de M^r Hesse et quil a eut souinde les faire vandre et de Recevoir Largent il me paret quil auroit dü avoir soin de paier ses dettes de largent quil a reçu et ne vous donner d'ordre sur moi, Car ne pouvent le paier ayant une ordre absolu de M^r Hesse de faire tenir tous les effet que j'ai en main a Sa Mère et aucune Ordre de les Remettre a M^r Bouquet. Cependant si Bouquet a administerd a Philad^a ou Lancaster, et quil me fasse voir son administration, Je lui delivrerai tout ce que j'ay de M^r Hesse, mais sur aucune autre Condition je le puis faire.

J'ai Ecrit a Madame Hesse que San fils est Mort a Lancastre et qu'il a laissé de ses effet Chez moy quelle en doit dispanser, sur quoi j'attend de ses Nouvelles par les premier Navier qui viendront

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et Suivant Ses ordres exactement, et peutaitre avant que M^r Bouquet me demande les Effet de M^r Hesse il seront arivez en Suisse, et pui que Servira lordre qu'aves de lui.

Vous voye donc qu'il Sagit d'avoir d'autre precoution cest pourquoi Je vous prie de faire que ie recoive mon argent et de m'ecrire le plustôt qu'il seroit pôssible, au reste l'ordre de la quelle M^r C Schevighauser fait mention ie pance que cest une lettre que M^r Hesse luy a Ecrite d'ici pendant Sa Maladie le prien que en Cas de Mort il fit parvenir ce qu'il avoit de ses Effet [viere] lui a Sa Mere ainsi en attenden au plustôt reponce ie Suis Comme Jay l'honneur de me Souscrire.

Tres hon^{ble} Colone^l

Votre tres humble et obeissan Serviteur

ABRAHAM LE ROY

[Endorsed] M^r Abr. Roy 21.st July 1759

[Addressed] To The Hon^{ble} Henry Bouquet Col^{nl} in the 1st Battⁿ
Royal American Regiment at Carelleil

[TRANSLATION]

Lancaster, July 21, 1759.

Most honorable Colonel:

I take the liberty of addressing this to you, seeing that I am obliged [to act] for the late Mr. Hesse, because of a letter of the 10th of this month which Mr. C. Schevighauser wrote me from Philadelphia, in reply to one that I had sent him to inform him of your orders and to find out what he would do. Here is where you can see for yourself the copy of his letter:

"As Mr. Bouquet has seized Mr. Hesse's effects, and as he has taken care to sell them and receive the money, it seems to me that he should have taken care to pay his debts with the money he has received, and not give you an order on me, for I cannot pay it

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as I have an absolute order from Mr. Hesse to keep all his effects which I have in my possession for his mother, and no order to deliver them to Mr. Bouquet. However, if Bouquet has [administerd] at Philadelphia or Lancaster, and will have his letter of administration shown to me, I shall deliver to him all that I have of Mr. Hesse's, but on no other condition can I do it.

"I have written to Madame Hesse that her son is dead at Lancaster and that he left some of his effects with me, which she ought to dispose of. I await her news about this by the first vessel to arrive, and will follow her orders exactly. Perhaps before Mr. Bouquet asks me for Mr. Hesse's effects, the letter will have reached Switzerland, and then take the place of the order you have from him."

You see then that another precaution must be taken. That is why I beg you to see that I receive my money and to write me as soon as possible. For the rest, the order which Mr. C. Schevighauser mentions, I think it is a letter which Mr. Hesse wrote him from here during his illness, asking him that in case of his death he should send what he had of his effects to his mother. Thus, while waiting for the soonest possible reply, I am as I have the honor to sign,

Most honorable Colonel,
Your most humble and obedient servant,

ABRAHAM LE ROY

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MAJOR JOHN TULLEKEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 245, A. L. S.]

Camp at Fort Bedford 21.^t July 1759

Dear Sir.

I give you joy; By the express from Pittsburgh and Ligonier you will find that the enemy have been obliged to lay aside for the present their intentions of attacking Pittsburgh: Brigd.^r Predeaux's

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Army at Niagara of which they were unacquainted has drawn them that way.

Col. Byrd with Five hundred Virginians arrived here yesterday, they were all of them to have marchd to day, but as matters now stand, wee shall divide them so as as to have two escorts out of them.

In the mean time the Savages are still upon the Communication, and it is by no means safe for you to come with a less escort than Thirty men. They fired upon some of our horsedriviers last night, not above a Mile from here.

I refer you to Cap^t. Ourrys letter for a return of what Provisision Col. Stephens has sent to Pittsburgh, and likewise of what he has at Ligonier, and what is now to go with the Virginians &c.

Now is the time for us to push things forward, for you may depend upon it that if the enemy find themselves too late to save Niag Niagara they will again return this way.

I am

My dear Sir.

Your very obedient And very hum.^{ble} Serv.^t

JN.^O TULLEKEN

P: S: I have rec.^d your favour of the 16.th and have forwarded your express for Pittsburgh and Ligonier. Captains Mather and Gordon have got into Ligonier, but the roads were so bad that they were obligd to leave the few waggons I sent with them at Stoney Creek, tho' I had put but eight hundred weight in a waggon; they have since sent a party for them and imagine have by this time got them to Ligonier.

Colonel Bouquet

[Endorsed] Major Tulikens Letter Fort Bedford 21.st July.

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MAJOR JOHN TULLEKEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 247, A. L. S.]

Camp at Fort Bedford 22^d July 1759.

Dear Sir.

Yesterday Colonel Byrd march'd from this Place for Fort Ligonier, he has with him about 350 of his own regm^t. Cap^t. Brodhead and Ten Pennsilvanians and Cap^t. Clapham with between 30 and 40 of the Artificers which Cap^t. Gordon had left here. His Convoy consists of 42 or 3 waggons and about 45 horses: M^r. Ourry will acquaint you in his of the Particulars.

I thought it my duty to give you this trouble to inform you as much as in my power of the state of things here at present.

It will require at least Forty Waggons more than is already gone up with the artificers Tools to cary up the remainder of them and such necessary materials as will be wanting there, and I am sorry to tell you that wee have not, nor shall wee be able to find here Twenty Waggons for that purpose or indeed any other.

Wee are intirely out of Baggs here for sending up the flour and oates, and if they do not send those back to us that go to Pittsburgh /and if they do it will take up much time/ I do not know what wee shall do without a fresh supply of them.

As to Horses wee have here but one hundred and ninety of M^r. Calanders, and by his horse masters return of them to Captain Ourry there is but Twenty of them that will be fit for service in Twenty days. all the Train horses that were here wee were obliged to send away yesterday with the Waggons which otherwise could not have gone. Out of all M^r. Calanders horses that are at Ligonier Col. Stephens informs that they could find but Fifty of them that had Strength to go to Pittsburgh.

The roads between this and Ligonier as I am inform'd are so very bad that I do believe Col. Byrd will not be able to get there

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with the Waggon in less than Eight days, and for this reason I should humbly recommend that the troops above and the army when they get there should be supply'd intirely with fresh meat at least till October when by the frosts we may be able to get up the Pork in the Waggon, and I do not find that we loose many oxen or sheep in the driving but that they get up mighty well.

The Virginians that Col. Byrd has left here are Cap^t. Hubbard with his Company of one hundred artificers, and about Forty of his Regim^t but these last are mostly sick.

Col. Byrd left all the Waggon and Cattle he had at Fort Cumberland, but did not leave any body to escort them here, so that I must weaken my self very much in sending a Captain and Fifty men for them which I intend doing however tomorrow, nor do I imagine that this detachment will be able to return here with the Waggon in less than Ten days, as they will have new roads to cutt in many places the old road being here and there impassable.

I had a letter a few days ago from Fort Littleton acquainting me that there was come there one hundred and two Waggon and Thirty horses which M^r. Graydon was at a loss to forward for want of a proper escort, desiring I would send him some men for that purpose, but having no men to send him, I refer'd him to you and told him that you would order some of the Companies coming up to escort them.

For the Particulars of the Provisions gone up and at each Post and everything else I have mentioned here I refer you to Cap^t. Orrys letter he is now writing to you.

As to opening the Communication between F. Cumberland and Pittsburgh it would certainly be of infinite service and is much to be wish'd for; Col. Byrd had received your orders on that head, but the affair above happening and Col. Byrd not thinking one hundred men sufficient for that end, and likewise imagining as things then stood that you would want all his people this way he has done nothing in it, and hopes the General will approve of his measures.

I have only to add that we are now intirely at a stand here for want of Waggon, Horses, Cattle &c to send up.

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I beg my humble respects to the General, and pray remember me to Major Gates.

I am My dear Sir
Your very greatly obliged
very obedient and very humble Serv.^t

JN. TULLEKEN

Col. Bouquet.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Major Tulleken to Col. Bouquet 22^d July 1759

[This notation, in Col. Bouquet's handwriting, was on page with endorsement.]

	Axes	Picks	Spade	(Saw)
Carlisle	20-	20-	20	20
Shipp:	20-	20-	20	20
Loudoun	20-	20-	20	20
Littleton	20-	20-	20	20
Juniatta	20-	20-	20	20
	100-	100-	100	100

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COL. ADAM STEPHEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 249, A. L. C.]

Ligonier July 25.th 1759

Sir,

Inclosed is a Return of the troops at this post, now Cap.^t Jocelyn's Detachm.^t is returnd -- besides Cap.^t Gordons Artificers

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Three hundred men exclusive of Artificers & Indians march for Pittsburg to morrow I have about 120 Waggon horses, some of them much hurt & about 240 Carrying horses at this place The Effective I cannot Distinguish, at present but shall Send down the Weak, as soon as they have refresd a Little.

Our provisions are all exhausted to Cap^t Mather Convoy, & I will send all forward that I can possible spare I have the honour to be

Sr,
Your most Ob^t hu^{ble} Ser

ADAM STEPHEN

[Endorsed] Lieut Col Stephen 25th July 1759

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COL. ADAM STEPHEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 250, A. L. S.]

Ligonier July 25th 1759

D^r Sir,

I congratulate you on the agreeable appearance of Things. A Train of Lucky Circumstances have Attended us.

I have taken upon me to Send a Couple of twelve pounders to Pittsburg with all their Appurtenances.

I hope we are in a Situation to Seize Occasion by the lock So fairly presented to us.

I shall forward all the Waggons & Pack horses & Seventy head of Cattle to Pittsburg to morrow

The Horses not able to proceed I shall Return to Bedford by a small Escort.

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The Bridge over Quimahony is not built, but the Ford there is more Convenient than the Others -- and the Road very good.

I shall keep Ten days provision at this post, & there will be a Stock at Pittsburg which will make us easy. I am with great Respect.

D^r S^r
your most Ob^t hum^{ble} Ser

ADAM STEPHEN

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Lieut Col Stephen 25th
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(July 26, 1759)

MAJOR JOHN TULLEKEN TO GENERAL JOHN STANWIX

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 252, A. L. S.]

Camp at Fort Bedford 26th July 1759.

Dear Sir.

This instant is arrived here the chief of the Delawares from Pittsburgh with two young lads who I suppose to be his sons. He is extremely impatient to see you but does not care to go farther to meet you. I have therefore beg'd that he would stay here till your arrival, and have told him that I expect you here in two days. He says that he will not stay longer than that time, That it is time we should be at Wunango or all the Indians will shortly leave Pittsburgh haveing nothing to Eat. I have told him that he will very soon see a large army there and plenty of Provisions, but he answers me that the army should be there now. I must hope that you will be here as soon as possible as otherwise I fear I shall not be able to keep him. He says that numbers of Indians are coming to Pittsburgh in hopes of finding you there.

I have the pleasure to tell you that by information the roads are not so bad between this and Ligonier as was imagined.

I send you this by M^r Finnie a gentleman from Virginia who comes to make proposals to you for opening a road to Pittsburgh

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from Cumberland. Upon enquiry I find he is head sutler to the Virginia Regim^t but a man of substance and one you may put faith in, and a person of some interest in that Province.

If you cant be here so soon as two days yourself, for Godsake my dear Sir let Colonel Bouquet come, for I am quite at a loss how to act with those Indian gentlemen.

In the mean time I shall go on with ~~tan~~ things here and do every thing I can for the good of the Service.

I am

D^r Sir

your very greatly obliged
Very Obed^t and very hum^{ble} Serv.^t

JN^o. TULLEKEN

General Stanwix

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Major Tulleken to Col
Bouquet 26th July 1759

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EDWARD SHIPPEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 254, A. L. S.]

Lancaster 26th July 1759

Dear Sir

I received your kind favour of the 19 Instant and have Sent you the tin Case by Captain Hambright which I hope will Suit your purpose; he carrys also 2 pair of Shoes which the Shoemaker left here by your orders. Next week I expect to be able to give you full information whether all the waggons assessed for this County may be depended upon or not, as our harvest will be compleatly finished in two or three days, except the Oats, which will be ripe in about ten days. I shall take particular notice of your directions in Relation to the 12,000 bushels of forage.

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I have made two Settlements with Captain Hambright Since your departure and besides paying him the balances I have at his Request this day advanced him Forty Pounds which he Says he Shall have occasion for to advance to Waggon drivers, which he may meet with between this, and Carlisle, and for His Expences on y^e horses which he takes with him from hence, as also those at Carlisle. Copys of these Acco^{ts} I thought proper to send you as he Received several Sums of Money from Your Self and others, besides what I have paid him. The Letter for Conrad Weiser Esq^r I forwarded in 3 days after I Received it by a Safe hand. My Son in Philadelphia writes that y^e King of Spain is actually dead at last. this event will, not doubt, produce great Commotions in Europe. I beg my kind Compliments to your worthy General & be assured that I am

Dear Sir
Yo^r Most obed^t Humb Serv^t

EDW: SHIPPEN

Col. Bouquet

[Endorsed] Mr. Shippen's Letter to Col. Bouquet 26th July 1759
with Capt^t Hambrights accounts

[Addressed] To Colonel Bouquet at Pittsburgh

[Addressed] To Colonel Bouquet

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JOHN DUNNETT TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 257, A. L. S.]

Ticonderoga 27th July 1759

Sir

At Colonel Montgomerys desire I write You this to Inform You that he is willing to Embrace the earliest Opportunity of letting You know that the Lines & Fort of Ticonderoga are in Our

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possession The army Embark'd the 21 Instant Landed with out Opposition the 22^d and took possession of the Saw Milns; March'd up to the Lines and Invested the Fort the 23^d; & this morning took possession of the Fortress. From the forenoon of the 23^o Untill 10 o'Clock last night the Enemy keep'd up a heavy fire, & distress'd us much as We were Constantly within Reach of both Shot & Shells, but finding our Batteries woud be ready to Open on them this morning they set fire to the Fort at 10 last night & got off in Battoes: the night being Extremely Dark & We having no Boats on the Lake Cou'd not cut off their Retreat. The Colonel will soon write You particularly & I am with Respect

Sir
Your most hu^b Serv.^t

JOHN [D]UNNETT

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from Mr. Jⁿ [D]unnett
Ticonderoga 27th July 1759.

(July 28, 1759)

MAJOR JOHN TULLEKEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 258, A. L. S.]

Camp at Fort Bedford 28th July 1759.

Dear Sir.

I sent Charles Boyle the express from hence yesterday about ten oClock with a letter to Colonel Byrd desireing him to send back all the Waggon's from Ligonier to this place directly that they might go a second trip from here by all accounts the roads being very good. Boyle went no farther than Stoney Creek and is just return'd to me with the inclosed letter from M^r Quicksall by which you will see that there is still a necessity of keeping a very good look out. The Party that attacked Stoney creek yesterday I am inform'd was within two miles of this place at three oClock this morning, Cap^t Hobbard of the Virginians who I put upon the

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road yesterday being encamped last night about three miles from me, his Centries heard the enemy at some distance going thro' the woods and Hubbard was under arms before day when Boyle pass'd him; I look upon it as certain that the Party of the enemy that attack'd Stoney Creek yesterday is now between me and Juniata, or perhaps are got by this farther, and as I wrote to the General to desire that if he could not be here himself that you might before the Delaware Indian that is here went away, I thought it my duty now /for fear you or any of the family should be upon the road with a small escort not expecting an enemy/ to send you the earliest notice, and I must beg it of you that you do not think of coming with less than Thirty men.

I made a grand mistake in my letter to the General when I told him that it was the head or chief of the Delawares that was here for which I ask pardon. However he is a man that Mr Croghan puts great confidence in and ef often sends his messages by, and he seems to want to see the General much, but I believe has nothing material to say to him. his name is Kickeuskin. Mr Ourry and myself are useing all the means in our power to get if possible Twenty or Thirty of the Waggon's that arrived here yesterday to go with their loads to Ligonier but I doubt wee shall not succeed, and if wee do not wee shall be much at a loss what to do for wee have no horses and but few waggon's, and for want of them have been intirely at a stand since Col. Byrd went away.

As you see the mistake I made in regard to the Delaware from our misunderstanding of him at first, there is no occassion for you to hurry on that acct^t and you must [bring] me of this with the general as well as you can. I am excessively uneasy about the small pox being at Stoney Creek which must be some of Col. Byrd's people that went with him, and if he takes it with him to Ligonier as I much afraid will be the case it will ruin us.

I am

My dear Sir.

Your very much obliged

very obed^t and very hum^{ble} Serv^t

JN.^O TULLEKEN

I send this with L.^t Phillips and Thirty americans to Juniata, and have given him orders that if he hears when he arrives there that the Gen^l or you are to be there to day or to morrow he is to stay and make part of your escort.

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Cap^t Ourry is just returned from the Waggoners he having been to try them for the last time, and has succeeded, and hopes to get between Twenty and thirty of them to go to Ligonier, and I shall send them of tomorrow morning.

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Major Tulleken to Col
Bouquet 28th July 1759

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CAPT. HARRY GORDON TO COL. WILLIAM BYRD

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 260, A. L. S.]

July 29th 1759 9 o'Clock Morne

Sir

The Hurry the Express was in did not permit me to write you by Him. I have now little to say only to express my Admiration of the Goodness of the Roads and the infinite Backwardness we are in to make an Advantage of it. The Waggoners we have with us are so badly fitted out neither Bridles, Sables and want of Corn that the Drivers can hardly prevent running against every Tree in the Road. Our schemes are extremely Backward. to talk of repairing Roads that really were not bad especially as they were only to be used by Horses is not at this Juncture, in my Opinion making the best Use of our Time, especially as Colonel Mercer had good Intelligence that last Monday there were 50 French and as many Indians at Wenango.

I did not see with what Face or Purpose I could return with the Artificers as I had got so far niether if this favourable Juncture for throwing up Provisions is improved can we be in any Difficulty of being supported. I wish Colonel Stephens would have joined us with a 200 more Pack Horses. that would have secured every Thing.

There is a great Deal depends upon the Means of supporting us at present we have had a very favourable Juncture to do it, Time

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will show whether we improve it. Honour, Life and the Good of the Publick seems to be very much depending.

I am with great Esteem

Sir

Your most obed^t humble Serv^t

HARRY GORDON

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Cap^t Gordon's Letter to
Col. Byrd 29th July 1759

[Addressed] To William Byrd Esquire Colonel of the Virginia Reg^{ts}
commanding at Ligonier

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COL. ADAM STEPHEN TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 262, A. L. S.]

Ligonier July 29th 1759

Sir,

I mentiond in my last my intentions of sending off Some Supplies for Pittsburgh. Cap^t Gordon with His Artificers marchd accordingly on the 26th, under the care of Cap^t Mather, who Conducted a Convoy of Seventy Bullocks & 19,000 lb of flour for the Use of that Garrison, and a couple of 12 pounders with Ammunition.

If I have errd in forwarding the Guns without your Orders, I humbly beg your Excellency will please to forgive me.

It was at Col Mercer's request, and approv'd by the Gentlemen here; and I thought it would Affect the Enemy, & Convince the Indians of our Earnest intentions.

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This post is now in tolerable repair, & I think may be maintained w^t two hundred men ag^t any thing we have to fear. What we have above that, destroys a great quantity of provisions.

Col Byrd Sends your Excellency a Return of the provisions in Store; The last Convoy brought up Little but forrage.

Col Mercer begins on His Convoy to morrow, & I'm of Opinion by his good Oconomy it will last the garrison at least 25 days. I begd he would send three hundred men to take it off Cap^t Mather's hand half way; which would save Considerably in the Convoy.

I sent up Tarr and Rosin for the Battoes; and if the roads are not much infested -- I would beg Leave to recommend Redstone Ck. as a copious channel for Supplies. Two hundred men at Fort Cumberland to escort in Small parties Occasionally, will in my Opinion exceed your Excellencys expectation.

I have the Honour to be

Sir,

Your most Ob^t. hum^{ble} Ser^v.^t]

ADAM STEPHEN

[Endorsed] Lett^r Col. Stevens 29th July 1759

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THOMAS RUTHERFORD TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 264, A. L. S.]

Winchester July 31.st 1759

Sir

I have used my utmost endeavours, and find it Impracticable to hire Carrying Horses on any terms, any Number under 500, can be purchased here in three weeks if it shall be thought Expedient to make the Purchase, Pack Saddles Halters Hobbles and Bells will be wanting, and also a Sum of Money, there is at Least 15 Per Cent

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between Ready Money and Credit, 20000 weight of Flour and Five Hundred Bushels of Oats can be procured here to send with the Horses, I shall be able to send 1200 Bushels of Indian Corn by the Inhabitants of Virginia to Rays Town at Two Shillings P Bushel Virginia Currency and 17/6 P Hundred Gross weight Pensuylvania Currency for the Carriage, I shall Send by the Convoy from Winchester 20000^{lb} of Flour, and Shall Also furnish them with a Months Provision of Flesh at Least, I have Received orders from M^r Howell to purchase 250 Beeves and to send them to Carlisle, if 100 more in or a Greater Quantity is wanting for Pittsburgh. I can procure them with Perhaps 200 Sheep, I Sall wait your advice of the time and Place where they will meet the Escort

I am Sir with the Greatest Respect
Your most Obedient H^{ble} Servant

THO^s RUTHERFORD

To Col^o Henry Bouquet

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Letter from M^r Tho^s
Rutherford to Col Bouquet 31st July 1759

[Addressed] On his Majestys Service To Col^o Henry Bouquet, Deputy
Adj^t Gen^l at Fort Bedford.

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CAPT. JAMES GUNN TO MAJOR JOHN TULLEKEN

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 266, A. L. S.]

Winchester 31st July 1759.

Sir

I was informed of Generals Stanwix's order's by your Favor of the 28th and you may be assured I Shall Comply with Them in the Strictest Manner:

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As I was told by the Cõmissary that twas in Consequence of the Generals Cõmands he had Orderēd in Several Waggon's to Carry up Provisions, and that they wou'd Certainly be here and loaded by the Third Day of August. I have thought it Most adviseable to wait for them as the Provision will be absolutely necessary, and were I to march now there wou'd not be a Man left to escort Them up. As this will be a Charge of Some Consequence and expect will not detain my Cõmand more than a Day or two, I hope the General will Approve of my Conduct in this Affair.

I shall see that the Cõmissary and Waggon Masters lose no Time in dispatching the Waggon's, Nor Shall I after delay to execute the General's order's with the Greatest Punctuality and Dispatch.

I inClose you a Return of the Number of Men I shall March from this Place.

I thought proper to advise you that Cap^t Gist Duputy agent for Indian Affairs here, died on the Road from Williamsburg 25th Instant with the Small Pox. This I mention, that if the General expects any Indian's, Some Person be ordered by him to take the Direction of them, Otherwise they Cant be Supplied With Necessaries.

I am Sir:

Your Most Hbl^e Ser^t

JAMES GUNN
Cap^t Virg^a Reg^t

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] Cap^t James Gunn's Letter
to Major Tulleken 31st July 1759

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JOHN HUGHES TO COL. HENRY BOUQUET

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 267, A. L. S.]

Philad^a July 31st 1759

Sir

I keep Adding to the Number of my wagons and have Sent two off Yesterday with Indian Goods, they were obliged to Leave their provender as they Took full Loads of Goods, and I wrote M^r Clark an Ac^t of the Quantity Left and the Current price of Each And Desired him to Supply them According to Your Direction to me, but have since thought I ought to have wrote to M^r James S^t Clair, And shall therefore write him by this Opportunity.

I have Taken a Great Deal of pains about Getting Pack-horses but Cannot Get any person to Undertake the affair at Less than 10 S a Day & I Run the Risque of the Numbers being made up, which is Contrary to my orders.

I sent 13 hogsheads of Salt by the Bucks County wagons, And have 9 more to Send by Such Teams as I Can Get to Carry it to Carlisle which I hope will be Soon Accomplished.

the Quantity of Salt will be better than 400 Bush,^{ls} And I shall Expect Your Direction as to the Rest.

I am Sir

Your Most Humble Ser^t

JOⁿ HUGHES.

Coll: Bouquet

[Endorsed in Col. Bouquet's handwriting] M^r John Hughes 31st July
1759

[Addressed] For Coll: Henry Bouquet These

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COL. ADAM STEPHEN TO GENERAL JOHN STANWIX

[B. M., Add. MSS. 21644, f. 268, A. L. S.]

[July, 1759.]

Sir,

I beg leave to congratulate Y^r Excellency on the agreeable prospect we have before us. Im impatient to return d^e Lenaries Visit. The Troops are in fine Spirits and only wait Y^r Excellency Commands.

I have taken upon me to Send a Couple of 12^{prs} with all Appurtenances w^t Cap^t Gordon to Pitsbur[g] or Ray^t intends to do it. The Convoy only marches the 26th.

We are ready to Steal through the Woods from this place, & Join the Artillery on the River, when you think proper to Order.

The Indians want us to Seize this Occasion. I had like to forget to inform Your Excellency, that we have put this post in a respectable State; a new redout, & a very convenient Magazin under Ground is on the point of being finishd.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most Ob^t hu^{bl} Ser^t

ADAM STEPHEN

[Endorsed] Lieut Col. Stephen to Gen^l Stanwix July 1759

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